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THE ARCHBISHOP'S PAGE

My Dear People:

Some years ago I undertook to tell the story of my journeys throughout the diocese. It now appears that I am committed to something of the same sort in connexion with my new work. This earlier diocesan diary was discontinued owing to the fact that it gave the inevitable impression of a continuous round of lavish hospitality—meals and receptions everywhere. It could not be otherwise. I have again embarked on the diary method because I feel that, apart from all the generous hospitality, you will be interested in the events outside the diocese in which I have a part.

I spent Epiphany, January 6th, in Wainwright en route to Saskatoon and Toronto. It is good to note the marked progress in that parish. The Rector, the Reverend R. K. Walters, presented a large class for confirmation, and I received some members of the Roman Church into the Fellowship of our Communion. Unfortunately the Rector is not in good health, but the doctors assure me that he is making progress towards complete recovery. (A reception followed the evening service!)

SASKATOON: At the cordial invitation of the Bishop of Saskatoon I spent a day in his diocese, January 9th. It was a memorable occasion for me, rather like going home after a long absence, for I had spent ten very happy years at Emmanuel College (1926-34). The Bishop had "laid on" (note the effect of the Army on my language) a full and most satisfying programme. I began the day by talking to the people of the diocese over the radio about my trip to Korea. Incidentally, I have resolved to make a desperate effort to avoid becoming a typical bore on the theme "When I was in Korea." However, it is still a matter of grave concern to all of us, and I am never tired of telling the story of the sacrificial services of our splendid men.

The Bishop, clergy and representative laymen of the diocese entertained me at luncheon in the Bessborough Hotel in a happy informal atmosphere, without prepared speeches.

The Principal of Emmanuel and Mrs. Dean received me at the college and I had a chance to speak briefly to the students at Evensong. It is pertinent to observe that we have a vital interest in the welfare of Emmanuel. Three of our students are there in training now, and we have for many years largely relied upon her for the supply of our ministry. I got the impression that the college is

entering a period of increasing strength under the fine leadership of the principal. But it needs the united support of the Church which it so faithfully serves. I am hoping therefore that we in Edmonton will take our full share in the strengthening of Emmanuel College.

A Service of Witness, followed by a diocesan reception, ended the day. In spite of the bitterly cold night the Cathedral was well filled for the service. Confidence and encouragement results from such united services. A great company of people, representing every aspect of our common life, joining together in an act of public worship, bears a striking witness to the fact that, in these modern days, our faith has still its ancient power.

TRINITY COLLEGE CENTENARY: From Saskatoon I went to Toronto to take part in the Centenary Thanksgiving Service of Trinity College in St. James Cathedral. It is one of the honours and privileges of my office that I shall often be allowed to have a personal share in such celebrations.

Churchmen everywhere are proud of the place which Trinity holds in the educational life of Canada. From the beginning she has stood firm in the conviction that Christian culture cannot indefinitely survive in a world where a completely secularized system of education prevails. History and experience have emphatically confirmed this principle.

The academic and religious freedom which Trinity maintains has had to be won in the face of many difficulties. Men of good will, who honour and share her convictions, have given generously to her support. For the future her security depends upon the generosity of that ever increasing body of people throughout the country who understand the supreme importance of the things for which Trinity stands.

Our own diocesan debt to Trinity is very great. Ten of our clergy are members of the college. There are also of course a good many other graduates here in various vocations and professions. I have no doubt that as a people we will not fail to acknowledge our debt and to discharge our responsibility as opportunity presents.

Yours sincerely,

Walter Edmundson

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Editorial

We are again on the threshold of Lent. Since the institution of the Lenten Noon-day services the season has been more generally observed by an increasing number of our people, and of those people of other communions who attend the services. With the growth of the city these services will continue to grow and to serve the spiritual welfare of the whole community.

But the Noon-day Services, valuable as they are, must not be made a substitute for traditional lenten "fast and prayer," but rather a stimulus to it. One test of the real value of such services will surely be the extent to which they move us to keep a good lent.

Someone has said "the soul of all progress is the progress of the soul." How true that is. Lent invites us to seek the soul's progress. Methods will differ in individual cases, but the purpose remains always the same.

It is never out of place to make concrete suggestions regarding the keeping of a good lenten season. From year to year our individual and corporate needs change. These changes bring with them new responsibilities.

The world we know has gone after other Gods. It pins its faith in a multitude of gods, which are

thought to be strong enough to save us from the abyss of desolation which threatens. Such gods as economic prosperity, collective security, armed might, organized political skill and others. But the thought that God is in control rarely enters our thoughts, except on the level of the individual life in times of crisis.

In such a time as this Lent calls us to consider "the Church." While individual Christians may accomplish much useful work, the world will never be won till Christians learn to work together as a powerful organized society, a great Body of Christ, which He can use as easily today as in His earthly life He used the Body that was born of Mary.

A strong disciplined Church seems to be the one hope of a world in which all other institutions have failed. This means discipline of ourselves, our use of our time and our means to strengthen the Body of Christ. It means that each member of the Church is a member of that Body with the tremendous responsibility of being at all times ready to carry out the orders of the Head—Our Lord Jesus Christ. It follows therefore that our Churches will be thronged with His members, the altar richly furnished with guests, the priests diligent in their pastoral and prophetic ministry, the whole Body fitly joined together in obedience and love.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND BROADCASTING FOR 1952

CJCA

January	
6	All Saints'
20	Holy Trinity
February	
3	All Saints'
17	Christ Church
March	
2	All Saints'
16	Holy Trinity
30	Christ Church
April	
6	All Saints'
20	Holy Trinity
May	
4	All Saints'
18	Christ Church
June	
1	All Saints'
15	Holy Trinity
29	Christ Church
July	
6	All Saints'
20	Holy Trinity
August	
3	All Saints'
17	Christ Church
31	Holy Trinity

September

7	All Saints'
21	Christ Church

October

5	All Saints'
19	Holy Trinity

November

2	All Saints'
16	Christ Church
30	Holy Trinity

December

7	All Saints'
21	Christ Church

CFRN

January

13	St. Faith's
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March

9	St. Faith's
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May

11	St. Faith's
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July

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September

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November

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DIOCESAN NEWS

**BISHOP G. H. LUXTON**

The Bishop of Huron, our first Lenten preacher, is one of the Church's most inspiring leaders. Long before his election as Bishop of Huron he won for himself a high place in the regard of the whole Church for his vigorous and successful efforts to improve the lot of the clergymen in missionary dioceses. As Rector of one of the strongest parishes in Toronto, Grace Church, he led the campaign in General Synod for increased stipends.

He is perhaps best known here in the west through his radio work when he was Rector of Christ Church, Calgary. For some years he conducted a devotional period over the air, which became one of the most significant religious broadcasts of the week. The whole Church is in his debt for the leadership he gave as chairman of the Anglican Advance Appeal in its spiritual aspects.

JANUARY BROADCASTING

February

6—All Saints' CJCA
 17—Christ Church CJCA

**ANGLICAN SUNDAY SCHOOL
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Laymen's Dinner

The Right Reverend George H. Luxton, D.D., Bishop of Huron, is to be the speaker at the annual Laymen's dinner on Shrove Tuesday, **February 26th**, in the **Corona Hotel**. This popular annual event brings together each year several hundred laymen from all parts of the diocese, and is now recognized as the outstanding diocesan social event of the year. Tickets have been distributed to a representative from each parish. You are urged to secure them as soon as possible.

Noon-Day Lenten Services

Ash Wednesday, February 27th, marks the beginning of Lent and of the Noon-day Lenten Services. The visiting preachers this year are as follows:

Ash Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

The Right Reverend The Lord Bishop of Huron.

March 2nd-7th:

The Very Reverend W. E. Jackson, D.D., Dean of Niagara.

March 9th-14th:

Doctor Frank Smye, of London, England, formerly Dean of Calgary.

March 16th-21st:

The Very Reverend E. McAllister, Dean of Spokane, Washington, U.S.A.

March 23rd-29th:

The Very Reverend J. Craig, Dean of Calgary.

March 30-April 4th:

The Reverend W. Burton Thomas, Winnipeg.

April 6th-10th:

The Right Reverend A. H. Sovereign.

The Synod Office has received from parishes and has remitted to Toronto the sum of \$1,645.67 given by parishes over and above the 1951 Apportionments, in response to the national appeal for extra missionary funds to "bridge the gap."



THE VERY REV. W. E. JACKSON
Dean of Niagara

Dean Jackson, a graduate of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, has quickly been recognized as one who possesses unique gifts of mind and heart for the work of the ministry. As Rector of St. Stephen's, Calgary, St. James the Apostle, Montreal, and now Dean of Niagara, he has won a high reputation as scholar, preacher and pastor. He is to be in Edmonton from March 2nd to 7th for the Noon-day Services.

The Reverend Frank Smye

It is quite superfluous to make comment in this case. As Dean of Calgary for some years and as a mission priest in the diocese of Qu'Appelle, Doctor Smye has become well known throughout Western Canada, and indeed the whole Canadian Church. The Noon-day Services Committee of our Church in Winnipeg is bringing him from England for their services, and he has consented to come on to Edmonton for the week of March 9th to 14th.

Doctor Smye is uniquely qualified for this special type of ministry by personality, training and experience. We bid him a warm welcome and acknowledge our debt to Winnipeg for making his visit to Canada possible.

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

By the Rev. J. G. Gardiner

PART III—The Order

In the previous two parts of this section on the Holy Communion we have tried to show that the Holy Communion, or to use the more primitive term, the Eucharist, is an action of worship in sacrifice of ourselves under symbol, of bread and wine, and the only worship commanded by our Lord by which to remember or recall Him.

The Prayer Book service preserves the fourfold action with bread and wine the threefold action with a cup of wine. The service has two parts. The first goes from the Lord's Prayer to the end of the creed, or the sermon if there be one, and is similar to Mattins and Evensong, in that it is chiefly preparation and instruction.

The Lord's Prayer at the beginning, with the prayer following, usually called the collect for purity, both belong to what used to be the priest's private preparation. (In some churches the old preparation is still said at the foot of the altar). It is intended to acknowledge our unworthiness to present ourselves at all in worship. We pray for God's blessing and purification.

Then follow the Ten Commandments, or our Lord's summary of them with the congregational response. This was a new idea added at the Reformation, and if the former are used, is the only part of the Old Testament quoted directly in this service. The response is an expression of the ancient Greek ejaculation—*Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy upon us*, which was repeated nine times. In the musical settings to the communion service, this response is still called the *Kyrie*.

At this point the *Gloria in Excelsis* used to be said or sung (First Prayer Book of 1549) but later it was transferred to the end of the service. Two prayers for the King follow, either of which may be used, though very often they are omitted, as we pray for the King at a later stage in the service. It seems unjustifiable and certainly inexplicable, why the King should be remembered before, say our Lord's Resurrection at Easter, or His Nativity at Christmas. Next comes the special collect for the day, many of them bring the earliest prayers of Christendom. Then a passage from one of St. Paul's

Epistles is read (with certain exceptions)—letters written to congregations of baptized believers.

From very early times a Psalm used to be said while the priest prepared to read from one of the Gospels. This Psalm, or part of it, was called the *Gradual*. The Gospel follows. It is the Lord Himself speaking to His people. There used to be a great procession with the Gospel Book down into the congregation. The reader (a deacon) went up (*gradual?*) into a pulpit to read it. There were certain candles and incense. The congregation stood up to hear Jesus speak to them directly, "I say unto you . . ." Before it begun they sang, "Glory Be to Thee, O Lord" and after it "Thanks Be to Thee, O Christ." It was all very solemn and important.

While the congregation is standing the *Creed* is recited. This custom is of fairly late origin. It began in Spain about the fourth century, but didn't become general in Christendom until about the 12th century. Then follows the sermon which is to expound Christian truth contained in the Gospel. It is the contemporary part of the liturgy. And that is the end of the preparation.

Now begins the worship proper. The first action is performed. Bread and wine are taken, and offered, just as our Lord took them the night before he died. This is called the *Offertory*. Unfortunately most people think of the offertory as juggling a hymn book while they struggle to get at their loose change or envelopes to put on the collection plate when it comes around. Also the whole action of the *Offertory* is obscured by having a hymn at that point. The *Offertory* consists of (a) the bread and wine; (b) our alms or collection and (c) our prayers and ourselves. These are all mentioned in the long prayer for the church. There used to be individual collects for each objective, but these were dropped at the Reformation, and all was crowded into one long prayer. In the early centuries, it was at this point that everyone brought their own offerings to the altar.

Then the priest asks for the prayers of the congregation. These biddings are very ancient. The intercessions for the whole church include: (1) the offertory

and the whole church; (2) civil rulers; (3) ecclesiastical rulers; (4) the congregation; (5) the sick; (6) the departed. Every phase of life is included.

At this point people usually get lost in the pages of exhortation, the antiquity of which does not justify their inconvenience. They should be moved.

An exhortation and general confession follow at this point and although we are used to them so placed, they tend to slow down the action. A better place would be either at the beginning of the service or just before the Communion. The sentences or comfortable words, are a reformation contribution to the rite, intended to remind us that Jesus saves us from sin. Their frequent repetition renders them somewhat innocuous.

The *Sursum Corda* (light up your hearts) should follow the prayer for the church immediately. It is in origin very ancient and is found in some form or other in every liturgy in Christendom. Likewise the prefaces, which is our prayer books are reserved for the great festivals only. It is an interchange between priest and people, concluding with the seraphic hymn heard by Isaiah and St. John, "Holy, Holy, Holy." The *Benedictus* and *Agnus Dei* were omitted by Cranmer, but are being restored by popular approval.

The *Prayer of Humble Access*, though beautifully phrased is a further delay of the action. It is a translation based on some prayers of the German Lutheran Reformers.

At last comes the *Prayer of Consecration* which rehearses the reasons for the sacrifice, the means and the events. It embodies the next two actions of blessing and breaking the unleavened bread, and blessing the cup of wine. There is a very careful adherence to the combination of doing what Jesus did and saying what Jesus said. It was the ancient practice to identify with the offering of ourselves at this point our souls and bodies, the offering of Christ and the prayer of Oblation which is placed in our service, after the Communion and the Lord's Prayer. In the early church, the act of communion was the last action except for a blessing after the washing up. The arrangement of Cranmer, however, has the service end in a burst of prayer and praise, which frequently obscures the fact of communion with Jesus.

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Woman's Auxiliary



Prayer For Peace

Our Father in Heaven, we pray Thee to put into our hearts and the hearts of all men everywhere, the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ.—Amen.

New Branches

St. David's, 1951.
St. James, 1952.

Welcome to Life Members

Mrs. G. G. Reynolds, Holy Trinity.

Mrs. J. Thompson, St. Matthew's.

Mrs. R. Fuller, Camrose

Date of Diocesan W.A. Annual Meeting: April 22, 23, 24, 1952.

Date of Women's Day of Prayer: Friday, February 29, 1952.

An Appreciation

From Miss F. E. Taylor, R.N., matron of the Charles Camstell hospital.

"With the start of a new year, I would like to express appreciation on behalf of the patients and our staff for the many visits and contributions made by the various Anglican Auxiliaries during 1951. It means so much to the patients, especially those from long distances, to have visitors.

Save the Children

The Canadian Save the Children Fund is now helping distressed children in twelve countries including Canada.

International Relief: The sending of food, clothing, blankets, medical supplies and money to Save the Children Fund workers in Greece, Austria, Finland, Britain, Germany, Italy, Syria, Lebanon, France, India, Canada and Korea, for distribution to most needy children regardless of race, creed or colour.

International Promotion of Child Welfare: For example, (a) Co-operation with the British Save the Children Fund and provincial governments in Austria to establish medical inspector in schools; to maintain institutions and hospitals; to organize summer camps for under-nourished children; to equip mothers' advice centres so that children may receive care, and mothers be educated in an effort to combat wrong feeding and to reduce TB and rickets. (b) Co-operation with the British Save the Children Fund and the Greek govern-

ment to establish a training college for Greek girls so that they may be trained to go into remote villages and give care and advice so badly needed. (c) And in Italy to build a children's clinic outside Rome, and in Ortona to build and equip the Deer Park Baby Hut for mothers whose children need special care.

Canadian Welfare: Assistance given to any under-privileged child needing special care.

Need: Money is needed to purchase food, drugs, etc., and to sponsor children (\$50 for one year or \$25 for six months will sponsor a needy child); also all kinds of clothing (new and old), diapers, quilts, blankets, socks, dolls and ditty bags.

What Mrs. R. T. Tanner, the Executive-Secretary of the fund, saw when she visited Save the Children Fund workers in Europe and the Middle East:

Unwanted Children—In an institution near Naples 60 little waifs from 4 to 15 years of age—unwanted children of soldiers and native women—this is one of many such institutions.

Blind Children—In a home for mutilated children in Rome, their faces scarred with shrapnel, victims of hand grenades and mines.

Derelict Children—Boys in a home for street boys in a Naples slum, bits of salvage rescued from the streets and alleys of that city—now housed in a bombed church.

Hungry Children in Austria—In a home in Carinthia for boys and girls from 5 to 15 years, the supper consisted of dry dark bread and a substitute coffee without milk.

Sick Children—95 per cent of infants suffer from rickets and TB.

Abandoned Babies—Sick and dying babies in a foundling home in Athens, having been pushed through an opening in the wall of the home reserved for this purpose.

Dr. Peter Lojer, head of child welfare in Carinthia, Austria, said: "We hope most sincerely that this help from Canada, coupled with great understanding, will not only be successful in relieving our own need, but that

position to be able to help other countries in their need."

Gleaned From the Fall Bulletin (of Save the Children) 1951:

"Not a single village in the province of Carinthia, Austria, where children are not wearing clothes from Canada."

"Summer camps for undernourished children are stocked with our meat, margarine and sugar."

"In Italy: Good, clothing, shoes, and money from Canada."

"In Greece: Only one used dress is of the greatest value because it comes from Canada."

"In the Middle East: "Nutrim given out in baby clinics in refugee camps and chloromycetin has saved many lives."

"Canadian Save the Children Fund honey—useful for sore throats, and clothes and blankets are a Godsend."

President of the British Fund, Lady Mountbatten.

Patroness of the Canadian Fund—Her Excellency Vicountess Alexander of Tunis.

"Over 250 million children in the world are in dire need of help. An extra gram of streptomycin, another pound of milk, one additional blanket—and another child will live to see the spring."

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Korea and Japan--A Diary

Our Military Mission in Japan made careful arrangements for our flight to Korea in a plane manned by members of the Australian Air Force. We took off just before noon on Saturday, Oct. 27th. There is little of special interest to relate concerning that five hours in the air between Tokyo and Seoul, except the unforgettable experience of the view of Fugi. Flying above the clouds we saw the sacred mountain in all its majestic beauty in the full light of the noon-day sun.

At Seoul we arrived in the war zone. Our fighters and bombers were taking off and landing as we taxied to a stop on the field, where we were met by a fleet of jeeps. Major Durnford, the senior padre of the 25th Brigade, a priest of our Church, was there to meet us. Incidentally, I had last seen Major Durnford twenty years before when I said goodbye to him at his graduation from Emmanuel College, Saskatoon. Meanwhile he had served the Church in the Peace River Block, in Prince Rupert, B.C., in Italy and Normandy with our armies, where he won the D.S.O., and now at the other side of the world carrying on the great tradition of our Church for a devoted and understanding ministry to men confronted with the worst conditions of modern warfare. I take off my hat to the clergy who have volunteered for such service. It is of course a special vocation and ought not to be undertaken by everyone in Holy Orders. There is no doubt in my mind that our chief representative in Korea is peculiarly fitted by God to exercise such an exacting ministry.

We paused briefly on our way to Brigade Headquarters to look at the city of Seoul, the capital of Korea. It is a city of stark ruins which must once have been quite attractive. Our Cathedral Church still stands almost intact, except for broken windows. The services are still carried on by a native Korean priest, but the Bishop has not been heard from since his removal by the communists when they captured the city. Unfortunately we could spare only a few minutes in Seoul because there was a journey of eighty miles to our billets, and we were to have a heavy day of services the next day.

We travelled through the night over military roads, lashed by bitter winds, smothered in clouds of dust, jolted and shaken in what seemed to be springless jeeps. I have a profound respect for jeeps as such, but on these roads and in those circumstances they are a means of transportation without parallel for physical discomfort.

Our trials ended at rear brigade headquarters, where a large tent had been pitched and comfortable army cots with warm sleeping bags provided for us. But more welcome than anything else were the hot drinks and the sandwiches. After prayers we settled down for the night, lulled to sleep by the sounds of desultory gun fire.

Before daylight we were awoken to begin a day of services with the various units of the brigade. My own services were reduced to three—at Peterson's Paradise, Brigade Headquarters and Division Headquarters. At Peterson's Paradise the congregation consisted of men who had just arrived from the "sharp end" by lorry to spend the day in a camp behind the lines. Major Peterson, second in command of the Royal Canadian Regiment, had conceived the plan of bringing some of the men back for a day of recreation. In this case it began appropriately with a service. The men would spend the rest of the day getting cleaned up, a hair cut, bath, meals at a table, a picture show, etc. In the evening they would go back to their front line posts.

In this Korean war the problem of recreation is most acute. There are not enough men to allow many out of the line at any one time—hence the above plan. Since the danger of raids by the enemy is much greater at night the men cannot be spared out of the line at that time. Once every three months—often stretching to five—they are allowed five days' leave to Japan. But three months is a long time without a break. Moreover, there are no places behind the lines in Korea suitable for leave centres. The whole country is in ruins and offers no comfort after battle. While the men are in the line the strain is terrific. At any moment they are in danger of being overrun by hordes of the enemy. The communists are masters of camouflage

and concealment. Whole battalions of them can be successfully concealed for a surprise attack. Hence the continuous strain upon the morale of our men.

In such a war as this, in a cause which no emotion fortifies, in a country so strange and far from home, a country that can offer no comfort after battle and no amusement whatever—in such a war you might reasonably expect to find the men sour and bitter and resentful of their lot. But they are nothing of the sort; or if they are, they control it like saints. Physically hard and mentally philosophical, they sit upon their hill tops, and keep their weapons clean and make many a joke.

(To be continued)

THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

The Holy Communion

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With the act of Communion, the action of worship is completed. We have offered ourselves under the forms of bread and wine at the altar. With these, our Lord's command to "Do this" has been obeyed and He has been recalled, so that we are united with Him in His Sacramental Presence, in common with other believers, in order that we may go back into the world strengthened with the Bread of Heaven and the Word of Life. This is our worship and reasonable service.

It is a sacrifice and it is a meal. The necessity for worship and the reasons for which men worship have not changed fundamentally down through the centuries. When men believe in the fact of God, they recognize they have no power of themselves to help themselves, and their need to commune with their God to share His life and to partake of this joy and peace and power. The means of worship has always been a fellowship meal which has required the action of sacrifice. Our Lord Himself provided the perfect sacrifice in the offering of Himself upon the cross, leaving a means in the Lord's Supper by which His followers might share in His sacrifice by offering themselves, their souls and bodies as a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice in His service among their fellowmen. It is by participation in this universal act of worship, with the whole church throughout the world, Sunday by Sunday, that we achieve the measure of union with God we desire, and a union of fellowship and love with our fellowmen.

THE UNWRITTEN BOOK

By S. G. West

Old Bob Fairchild departed this life with as little bother to others as he had ever given.

He had sat busily writing in the cluttered two-room apartment he had shared with Agatha until she died, and the first chapter of his long-cherished book was unsatisfyingly finished. Suddenly the pain again stung him about the heart, only this time it seemed more searching and frightening.

It had come first just before Agatha died, but he had not said anything then. Poor Agatha! Her half-lifetime as a chronic invalid had given her a sometimes bitter tongue, and he had preferred to mutter something about an undone chore in one of the apartments and had staggered out until the seizure passed. It had passed, and he had been able to hold his job as janitor until Agatha needed him no more.

This time, however, it was different. Old Bob had the feeling that his number was up. As he lay on the dingy sofa he found it difficult to breathe. Slowly his awareness of the things around him began to fade. His last conscious thought was of his unwritten book. He had so wanted to write it, to work at each word until each sentence did what he wanted it to do. He had wanted to tell of the things he had seen, but more than that he wanted to tell of the things he had perceived through the things he had seen.

An apartment house janitor had a good deal that he could say—good constructive things based not on illusions, but on things as they are. But the scant time he had to spare from his work had been demanded by Agatha, although he felt no resentment, merely an intense disappointment that things had so turned out.

He was tired now, dreadfully and comfortingly tired. His eyes closed—a fearful twinge shot through his heart, and Old Bob drew his last breath. The shabby, cluttered room, the table with its scattered paper, and the tired old figure lying on the sofa, were the only remains of the old couple who had lived in The Dormer Apartment Block for close to forty years.

In contrast to the silent room things began to happen to Bob in quick suc-

cession. Suddenly he felt himself seized by a force that was at the same time gentle and irresistible and he had the sensation of being whisked through a warm wind tunnel, faster and faster, free from all laws of gravity, filled with a sense of lightness and freedom beyond all experience. Then in strangely calm, timeless speed he was plunged from the surrounding darkness into the glories of a sunset, from which he emerged into a bath of translucent light.

He found himself on his feet staring. The gate before him filled his vision in its enormousness, and its vastness was of shimmering crystal through which there showed a faint but glorious view—a country with a towering city beyond, whose grandeur had been only but dimly promised in the greatest glories of earth.

Slowly the gates opened. Old Bob sank to his knees in terror, burying his head in his hands, scared to look up, afraid of what he might see. Then a voice spoke, a hearty, reassuring voice.

"Come now, get up there Bob—don't for the love of heaven let us have you kneeling before an ex-fisherman—we've got to get the formalities over with and have you on your way. I want only one thing of you now—give me your own account of yourself—we like to see how your story checks with the records. Let's have it, Bob man."

Bob was thunderstruck and could only murmur:

"Y-y-you—you called me Bob. You know me?"

"Of course I know you, and of course I called you Bob. It's your Christian name and therefore the only one we've ever had for you, naturally. Let's get this over with and tell us your story."

The warm, matter-of-fact voice was a comfort. He was known here. He felt very much better, thought for a moment, then spoke slowly.

"Can't say there's much to tell that I'm proud of Sir—then, then there's that business with the woman in apartment twenty-three when I was a young feller. Ain't very proud o' that; always had a feeling I did that girl a deal of harm. No, I ain't very proud o' that. Never have done a job in twenty-three

since that didn't make me come over all queer-like."

He felt like trying to explain, but thought better of it and fell silent.

The Fisherman glanced at him searchingly, his eyes bright with knowledge and what seemed to Bob amazingly like a surprising glint of humour.

Then the hearty voice replied:

"Well, what have you achieved Bob, tell me that. What sort of lasting job have you done?"

Again Bob searched for words, then spoke reluctantly.

"Nothing much I guess. No-o. Haven't even a boy or girl left behind me to hope in. Couldn't have any after Agatha took ill. Only ever had one big hope, Sir, and that never came to anything. Wanted for years to write come across who acted tough because they were afraid, who were cruel because they were scared, who fell into lust because they had never known love, who made others insecure because they feared for there own security. Seemed I might say a word to help."

Bob continued lamely:

"Never got around to writing it though."

He pondered deeply and resumed. "Guess that's about all."

Old Bob sighed and felt like a student who has just handed in a blank exam paper.

There was silence for a space. Then he looked up to find with a sense of profound shock that the Fisherman was smiling broadly, the most beautiful sun-like smile that he had ever seen. In a voice that was full of an earthy chuckle he spoke very gently.

"The book would have been a waste of time my boy. The publishers wouldn't have published it. Not enough sex in it to sell, and the truths you told unglamorized and too true. And if they had, the critics would have panned your lack of style."

But Bob, you did write your book, you did write it and write it well, where it will last for ever. Come into the gatehouse and I'll show you a little of what I mean."

He led Bob, now bewildered and groping for meaning through the gates and a corridor which offered no view into a vast and beautiful chamber. As

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Where Are We Going in Religious Education?

The REVEREND F. A. PEAKE, B.D.

The First of a Series of Articles Prepared and Published at the Request of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education

Any merchant knows the importance of stocktaking. He realizes that to continue in business he must maintain an accurate check on successes and failures, profits and losses. We of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education (usually known, for short, as the D.B.R.E.) have an even greater stewardship committed to us. By the Constitution of the Diocese we are charged with the responsibility of assisting parishes in their work of nurturing the growing souls of children and adults.

In an effort to render account of our stewardship we have recently completed a survey. A carefully prepared survey was sent to every priest and deacon at work in the diocese, and tribute should here be paid not only to their courtesy in attending to it, but to the painstaking care with which its questions were answered.

This survey reveals many things of which we as churchfolk may be justly proud. For example, we have more than 2,600 children in our Sunday Schools, taught by nearly 300 teachers. In addition there are 2,000 "Little Helpers" who are mainly of pre-school

age, and a further thousand who receive their instruction through the Sunday School by Post and Radio. About half the boys and girls in our Sunday Schools belong to a church mid-week group. Nearly two thousand adults belong to one or other of our men's or women's organizations part, at least, of whose purpose is to know more about the faith which we profess. These are matters for thanksgiving to Almighty God.

There are other aspects of the situation, however, which call for prayer and a firm determination to amend. With some of these we shall deal in later articles. At the moment, however, it will suffice to point out that only 75 per cent of our Sunday School teachers are regular communicants—and only 48 per cent of our mid-week leaders. Only 5 per cent of our Sunday School teachers are said to have any part of the church's leadership training diploma. Other instances could be cited but we shall come to them later.

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Next Month: "What Does It Mean to Be a Sunday School Teacher."

THE UNWRITTEN BOOK

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he gazed a benevolent and ageless woman stood before him. She seemed to recognize him, and seemed herself vaguely familiar. The Fisherman turned to Bob:

"Here's part of your Book, the woman in twenty-three who has had you so worried. You wrote her right into heaven, Bob. I had her sent for to greet you and make you feel at home. Look at her well."

"Why—Myrtle, I-I—" he stammered and was speechless. She laughed gaily.

"You never expected to see me here, isn't that what you were going to say?" He gravely examined the lovely face. The bitter, sexy mouth was gone. The predatory eye and the cheapness that had somehow seemed to him like lead plating over gold, these too had gone. She went on:

"You were the first man ever to see anything in me but a body. You found me a thrown-over kept thing, and saved me from looking for another keeper one rung farther down the ladder. You gave me a few dollars with which to get away, and a little real love and concern, with a little of what I'd not yet learned to do without. And don't call me Myrtle any longer, I have a new and lovely name."

Old Bob's eyes misted with happiness. The Fisherman spoke again:

"Here's another chapter in your book. Look closely and see."

From nowhere came a man whose face was deeply lined, but eternal boyishness shone in it.

"Hello, Bob. Remember me? Jones was my name, Apartment seventeen. You gave me courage and sympathy when my firm failed and my wife left me. I was going to wipe myself out

when you came in to fix the faucet and fixed me for life eternal.

It wasn't much you said. It was what you were that spoke loudest, and what you had suffered. I am proud to be a chapter in your book."

Bob's face was alight. There was no strangeness now. He was among friends—anything could happen here, and there was yet The Great Friend to see.

Perhaps he too would be changed and would see and know. As his thoughts raced a well-known but changed voice came in upon him, and he saw before him Agatha, transformed almost beyond recognition.

There was no longer petulance nor pain in her face. Simply a great joy and love. She gave him her hands—lovely hands. She was lovelier than when she was a bride, and her once contorted limbs were lithe. Her voice came softly.

"Oh, Bob, my dear. You were a slave to me for such a long time Bob—and you set us both free. I am here on account of you, Bob. Come dear, I am to be your guide to the City. There is yet far to go."

Together they walked into an antechamber which led into the unknown but gloriously friendly place, and as they walked a paean of music beyond all human knowledge sprang from around them, and in the far distance there fell upon their ears a voice like the sound of many waters.

"This is my beloved son."

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Sunshine on a winter's day
Urgently reminding
Robins are not far away
Singing of their coming.
Underneath this brighter sky
May we lift our hearts on high!

Clouds confuse our earthly sight:
Open Thou our eyes!
Refreshment give in soul's dark night;
Draw us away by sacrifice
And make us thankful for the light.

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MOOSE FACTORY 1851

Few of the Church of England Missions in Western Canada have been commenced under such favorable circumstances as the mission at Moose Factory. Mr. and Mrs. Cowley at Fairford spent part of their first winter in a tent; Mr. and Mrs. Hunter at The Pas had to build their own quarters; Mr. and Mrs. Hunt at Lac la Ronge had even more difficulties to contend with. To quote from a letter of Bishop Anderson's written to the C.M.S. from Moose Factory August 10th, 1852: "Of the place itself, I would only say, that it is more like an English village than any other sphere in this country. There is a small church and parsonage, formerly built for the Wesleyans by the Hudson's Bay Company. I am bound to acknowledge the exertions of Mr. Barnley, for many years a diligent laborer here, who laid the foundations of what we see around us. Mr. Horden is fortunate in finding these buildings all ready and fortunate, too, in the extreme kindness of Robert Miles, Esq., Chief Factor, who is in charge of this district, and who has rendered much valuable help in many different ways. Of this Mr. Horden, is, I am glad to see, very sensible, and professes himself to be in every way most happy and comfortable in his sphere, and in the friends around him.

The first reference to the Mission at Moose Factory to be found in the Red River records is probably that in Bishop Anderson's Charge to his diocese on December 27th, 1850, when he asked: "Shall, however, our exertions be limited to these spots already occupied, shall nothing be done to gain fresh stations?" Then, after a brief comment on St. James' (Winnipeg), Moose Lake (northwest of The Pas), he proceeded: "Two others, Moose Fort, James Bay, and Swan River were offered to me by the Honourable Company. From the former the Wesleyans have lately withdrawn, and I hope it may be occupied this summer by a clergyman from the Church Missionary Society, who will gradually open up communication and intercourse with the Indians at Albany, Rupert House and the East Mission." The Bishop's ambitions were partially realized when Mr. and Mrs. John Horden arrived at Moose Factory on August 26th, 1851, and fully so when a year later he had ordained Mr. Horden at Moose Factory and placed the Rev. E. A. and Mrs. Watkins (the

came the first resident missionary at Fort York. These men gave notable service in the spread of the gospel amongst the Indians and it is only proper that their labors should be acknowledged by us. Of Mr. Barnley, Dr. J. H. Riddell, in his book "**Methodism in the Middle West**" says he was "Cast in a thoughtful, gentle, introspective mold," and adds that "He loved the wild, untamed nature of the Hudson's Bay and particularly of the Indians whom he ever regarded as sheep without a shepherd." Whilst Mr. Barnley was at Moose, a youth named John Alexander McKay came under his influence and had his thoughts turned to the work of the ministry. More than seventy years later, at the Centenary proceedings of the diocese of Rupert's Land in 1920, that same youth, now become the Venerable (in title and age) Archdeacon of Saskatchewan, said: "I think of George Barnley as my spiritual father. I received baptism at his hands, and he was my first teacher in spiritual things." As Dr. Riddell comments: "If the Rev. George Barnley did nothing more than to give a right start to this eager youth, then his work was supremely worthwhile.

JOHN HORDEN

Mr. Barnley was not replaced when he left Moose and for a time the work of the church there lapsed. The appeal of the Hudson's Bay Company officers to the new Bishop of Rupert's Land for ministrations was passed on by Bishop Anderson to the Church Missionary Society which received it early in May, 1851, and made an immediate response. John Horden, a native of Exeter, England, had offered himself to the C.M.S. in 1850 for work in India. Born 1828, he was the eldest son of William and Sarah Horden. His father was a printer by trade and both his parents were devout Christian people. He was educated at St. John's school, Exeter, an ancient foundation, where he was also under Christian influence and prepared for a useful life. Upon leaving school, he was apprenticed to the trade of blacksmith, but already ambitious to become a missionary he devoted his spare time to learning Latin and Greek, and when his apprenticeship was over he became a schoolmaster. In these years also he was a member of St. Thomas' Church, where for some years the Rev. John Medley was Vicar before he became First Bishop of Fredericton.

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Rural Deanery of Edmonton

CHRIST CHURCH

The Rev. Canon E. S. Ottley

The New Year has begun with the memory of the inspiration of our Christmas Services. We shall not soon forget the Congregational Carol Service on the Sunday evening before Christmas, for it surpassed in quality and attendance any such event of many years past. Christmas Day itself was again a happy time for the Church, and we note how the Family Service on Christmas morning has taken hold of the imagination of our people. Our thanks go to the Chancel Guild for their tasteful decoration of the Church, and to the Choir for their wonderful loyalty and excellent music during the whole season. It ought to be added that the Choir brought the Spirit of Christmas to others outside the Church, by their carolling of the patients at the Camstell Hospital and at the Institute for the Blind.

The Annual Elections of the W.A. were held on Jan. 8th, after the presentation of the Annual Reports, which showed excellent progress throughout the year. The new officers of the W.A. will probably be listed later; for the moment we report the retirement of Mrs. A. H. Adams from the presidency after four years of devoted leadership. She has been succeeded by Mrs. H. Gutteridge, who returns to the Presidency after a lapse of some years. To her we extend congratulations and good wishes for 1952.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was again held on what seemed to be the coldest night of the year. Nevertheless we had a good attendance and an optimistic meeting. The reports given indicated 1951 to have been a banner year. Financially, great strides have been made; but even more important, the varied activities of the Parish are extending wider each year. Announcement was made that Mr. Roger Burdon will be appointed assistant to the Rector at the end of May. The question of the inadequacy of the Parish Hall was again presented, and as a result a Committee has been appointed to secure plans that will meet our needs, and present them to a special meeting of the Congregation to be called as soon as possible. Two new Wardens have been appointed: Rector's Warden, Mr. W. G. Bocock, and People's Warden, Mr. Les Nickols. Following the meeting, refreshments were served by the W.A.

ALL SAINTS

The Very Rev. J. Grant Sparling
The Rev. F. D. Moore

Daily Celebrations of the Holy Communion are continuing at the Cathedral. Prayers are being offered for every congregation and priest in the Diocese, and for Anglican Dioceses throughout the world.

The Diocesan Council of the A.Y.P.A. arranged an excellent New Year's Eve party. Held in the Cathedral Hall, the

party commenced when the guests were received by the Dean and Mrs. Sparling and members of the executive.

The Cathedral Branch of the A.Y.P.A. continues its Monday night meetings, furthering a plan of work, worship, fellowship and edification. The Rev. G. D. Kelly, rector of St. Paul's, Edmonton, was guest speaker during the past month, commenting informatively on a film strip dealing with the service of Matins in the Prayer Book.

Annual Meetings of the Cathedral organizations, at which officers are elected, reports given and plans made for the year's activities, have been held. The Annual Congregational meeting was conducted Tuesday, Jan. 29th.

A turkey supper treat was given the members of the boy's Choir soon after Christmas. The Choir Boys' Mothers' Association prepared an excellent meal for the boys, and they enjoyed games afterwards. Guests at the supper were the Dean and Mrs. Sparling, Rev. Donald Moore, Mr. Barford, choirmaster, and Mrs. Barford, and Miss Dorothy Teape, organist.

A young couple in the Parish have for some months been busy building their own home with their own hands. They have recently moved in, and the Dean, in keeping with an old and wise custom, has blessed their new home.

On his way back to England after a period of service in the Church at Aklaivik, Canon C. R. Montgomery preached the sermon at Matins, Jan. 13th.

ST. PETER'S

The Rev. W. W. Buxton

At a recent Vestry meeting, attended by representatives of the three Womens Groups, it was agreed that a Parochial dinner would be held sometime in Feb. This occasion will serve as the official opening of the new hall. Unfortunately the date is not definitely set at this time but if the event has not already been held prior to this publication, you are asked to keep it in mind.

The kitchen will be in a greatly improved working condition shortly. Carpenters are now busy on the extension of the kitchen and improvements will be carried forward to the extent of the money available.

The Sunday School were happily housed in their new quarters for the first time on Sunday, Jan. 27th.

We have been asked to make mention of the fact that a second piano in the hall would be a great convenience, in order that one could be left in the new basement permanently for the use of groups meeting there. Off-hand this possibly seems like a large request but it may be that someone has a piano for which they have no room or requirement and would like to contribute to the "cause."

The Cub and Scout troops in our Parish are being re-organized under The Group Committee on which Mr. Seager is the Vestry representative.

The Senior Branch of the W.A. held election of officers at their first meeting in January. Mrs. L. Marsden holds the office of President, Mrs. G. W. Ambrose, Treasurer; Mrs. R. Goddard, Secretary.

Mrs. Baldock accepted the Presidency of the Evening W.A. for the balance of this season, following the resignation of Mrs. Wilson.

The Evening Branch have plans underway for a Valentine Card party to be held in the Hall on Feb. 15th.

Baptism—Jennifer Jane Clarke; Drew Jordan Holloway.

ST. MICHAEL'S AND ALL ANGEL'S

The Venerable S. F. Tackaberry

Substantial increases in attendance, finances, donations to missions and number of communicants were reported by church wardens at St. Michael's and All Angels Anglican Church at its annual meeting Monday.

The wardens expressed great appreciation of the interest shown in improving the property by individual effort.

The senior W.A. branch reported a record year, one outstanding achievement being the purchase, finishing and paying for new pews for the church. The Girls' Auxiliary and the Junior Auxiliary, both new organizations, reported a successful year of operation.

St. Michael's main Sunday school showed a year's work with several pupils passing the departmental examinations. A new undertaking, the Sunday school on the Grierson estate, reported five teachers and an attendance of 59.

The following officers were elected: S. A. Noble, rector's warden; A. Green, people's warden; H. W. Mitchell and W.

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Vestry members are: H. W. Mitchell, Olaf Johnson, Joseph Matwichuk, C. E. Allard, Nick Sklar, J. S. Cheston, Frank Scott, Alex Damery, Roy Phillips, Mrs. H. W. Mitchell, Mrs. Amie Phillips and Mrs. Frank Scott.

The following department heads were declared associate members of the vestry; Mrs. David Clarke, Mrs. Fred Russell, Mrs. Steve Kassian, Miss Patricia Cartwrights, Mrs. Steve Olander and Mrs. Orley Byers. Mrs. E. A. Goodenough was re-appointed auditor.

Appreciation was expressed to all the leaders, and to Mrs. William Bennett, for their work during the year.

W.A. Officers for 1952 are: Hon. President, Mrs. A. Phillips; Hon. Vice President, Mrs. R. Dando; President, Mrs. J. Clarke; Vice President, Mrs. E. Guthrie; Sec.-Treasurer, Mrs. H. Currey; Dorcas Sec., Mrs. Logan; Educational Sec., Mrs. Scott; Girls' Leader, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Thornton; Junior Leader, Mrs. Karsian, Mrs. Runka; Little Helpers, Mrs. Dickson; Care of Altar, Mrs. Bennett.

ST. MARK'S

The Rev. G. W. Wilson

The Annual Parish Meeting was again preceded by a Supper, this year we had turkey. Considering the terribly cold night we thought the attendance extremely good. All the reports showed a considerable advance over last year. We look forward to the future with the greatest confidence.

The Rector in his report spoke of the Parish Church as the focal point of all parish activities. It is there that all our activities should lead, for it is out of a worshipping community that the Gospels and the Christian Life were both born. God and our relationship to Him, which finds its culmination in worship must be the aim and object of all our activities, if we are to fulfil the purpose for which Christ established His Church.

The Rector appointed Mr. L. Westgate as his warden and the meeting elected Mr. L. Dunwald as People's warden for the coming year. Mr. J. A. Rose and Mr. C. D. Brown were elected delegates to Synod with Mr. H. Bromley and Mr. L. Green as substitute delegates.

Members of the Vestry: Mr. J. A. Ross, Mr. L. Green, Mr. C. D. Brown, Mr. A. Ripley, Mr. J. A. Read, Mrs. Brown, Mr. A. Keen, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. John together with representatives from all the organizations. The Vestry meets in the Hall on the first Tuesday each month.

The Afternoon W.A. held their Annual Meeting when Mrs. Fleming was elected President, Mrs. Simpson, Vice President; Mrs. John, Secretary; Mrs. Bromley, Treasurer, Dorcas Secretary; Mrs. Edwards, U.T.O.; Mrs. Ball, Living Message; Mrs. John, Educational Secretary; Mrs. H. Marks, Prayer Partner; Mrs. Hudson. Mrs. E. Hughes was unfortunately unable to accept any office this

year owing to doctors orders. We shall miss her help both in the W.A. and the Junior Aux.

Evening W.A.—At the Annual Meeting the following were elected: President, Mrs. Westgate; Vice-President, Mrs. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. Keeler; Treasurer, Mrs. Bull; Dorcas, Mrs. Taylor; Educational, Mrs. Rutledge; Little Helpers, Mrs. Ripley and Edmonton Churchman reporter, Mrs. McCurrah.

Would all Secretaries please take note that Mrs. McCurrah, 11045-109 Street, Telephone 29667 is the Edmonton Churchman reporter and please send her all reports not later than the 18th of each month.

The A.Y.P.A. sponsored the Annual Council Dance. A large crowd attended. There was an abundance of food for the Christmas Hamper, which we understand was delivered to St. John's House. In future the A.Y.P.A. Quarterly Magazine will be available in the Church Literature Rack. The group intends to attend the Drama Classes to be held in Holy Trinity Hall on February, 13th, 15th, 22nd and 27th.

Subscriptions to the Edmonton Churchman are now due. Will you please return the enclosed envelope through the Church.

J.A.—The new officers for the year are Marilyn Rutledge, President; Joanne Sope, Vice President; Phyllida Wilson, Secretary; Sharon Blewett, Treasurer. The group has started work on the Study Book and are finding it interesting. They hope to finish their stripe and badge work before the end of Jan.

ST. JAMES

The Rev. W. E. Harrison

The work on the interior of the Church progresses steadily, a very faithful group of men coming out night by night to do it. The ceiling is now completed and work has begun on the walls. It will look very handsome indeed.

The church has been used since just before Christmas, temporary seating having been arranged through the kindness of Mr. D. R. Gittins. The attendances were not large over the Christmas season, but they have been increasing steadily since. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Rogers have very kindly provided us with flowers for the altar week after week. Mrs. Corky has taken over the job of organist, now that we have the organ back in operation again. Several members also, come out for choir practise each week.

On Dec. 27th we had our children's Christmas Party for the Sunday School. It was our first parish social event and as such went off very well. Many of the children brought their parents who were able to see the new church for the first time. It was a very happy event, and was the first occasion when the parish was together as a sort of church family.

Early in January Mrs. Robinson organized a meeting in order to organize a W.A. for St. James'. Mrs. Tackaberry

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The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on Monday, Jan. 28th. In past years this has proven to be the coldest evening of the year but even if this should happen again this year we have our new and comfortable Parish Hall so that it ought to be possible to have a really large attendance.

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Rev. A. P. Venables

British Columbia's well known and profuse Oregon Grape (a form of holly minus berries but not prickles!) and cedar boughs helped to decorate the Church for the Christmas Festival. The Carol and White Gift Service was very well attended and a wonderful lot of presents were given by our children.

The Sunday School party on Dec. 19th was a happy affair and quite riotous through the capers of our visiting magician, Mr. Cooper.

The Rev. Donald Moore was our Celebrant at the Christmas Eve Eucharist, and our thanks is extended to him for his valued services to us.

At the Annual Meeting of the Evening Branch of the W.A. the following officers were elected for 1952.

President, Mrs. W. Rankin; Vice-President, Mrs. K. Anderson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Moore; Secretary, Mrs. G. A. Edwards; Little Helpers Secretary, (to be elected); Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. F. Highland; Living Message, Mrs. A. Hall; Flower Secretary, Mrs. R. Hardy.

The officers for the Afternoon Branch are as follows:

President, Mrs. G. W. Wills; Vice-President, Mrs. H. Barker; Treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Briggs; Secretary, Mrs. H. Mudt; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. H. Cockcroft; E.C.D. and U.T.O., Mrs. H. Woodcock; Flower Secretary, Mrs. J. Goquilot.

ST. LUKE'S

Canon A. Wallis

The Christmas Season will be well past by the time you receive these notes. There was a great deal of activity. A Nine Lesson and Carol Service on the 23rd. A round of Carol singing to the shut-ins and infirm by the A.Y., which was very much appreciated (especially when the young people went out, even though the weather was so cold). Joyful Services through the Christmas Season with good attendance at most. A Christmas party for the Sunday School, with a Ventriloquist in attendance at the Afternoon Session (Young McCarthy spoke well for himself), and games and a film show both afternoon and evening. On the 30th (Club Sunday) there was a very good attendance from the various organizations, including Scouts and Cubs, and we wish to thank the leaders for such a good showing. The G.A. girls received badges and chevrons for Home Nursing, Handicraft, and Cooking, whilst several Junior girls were admitted to membership in the Junior Auxiliary, and received their cards and pins.

On Jan. 3rd the Afternoon group of the W.A. held their Annual Election Meeting. A good years report of activities was given by the Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Barker, and the financial report presented by the treasurer, Mrs. A. Walters. At the election of officers, Mrs. W. H. Campbell was elected President; Mrs. F. Coles, Vice-President and Flower Sec.; Mrs. A. Gill, Secretary; Mrs. A. Walters, Treasurer; Mrs. W. Povey, Dorcas Sec.; Mrs. W. G. Werry, U.T.O. and E.C.D. Sec.; Hospital Visitors: Mrs. J. L. Davis and Mrs. W. Povey; Prayer Partner, Mrs. W. H. Coghill; Educational Sec., Mrs. A. Wallis.

On Jan. 7th the Evening Group of the W.A. held their Annual Election Meeting at the Rectory. Good reports of the years activities were presented by the various secretaries. At the Election of Officers, Mrs. J. Neal was re-elected President, and Miss F. Beeby, Vice-President; Mrs. R. E. McClung was elected Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Johnston, U.T.O. and E.C.D.; Mrs. A. Edwardson, Flower Fund Secretary; Mrs. A. Lea, Living Message Secretary; Miss O. Jones, Assistant G.A. Leader; Mrs. D. Murray, Junior Auxiliary Leader, and Mrs. J. Bradley, Little Helpers' Secretary.

Altar Guild—A Valentine Tea was planned at the Meeting held in the Rectory on Jan. 10th. The Tea will be held in the Rectory on Thurs., Feb. 14th in the Evening. At this meeting, Mrs. C. Brown was elected President of the Guild for the ensuing year.

The Annual Parochial Meeting—was held in the Parish Hall on Monday, Jan. 14th at 8:00 p.m. It was a very cold night indeed. Encouraging reports of the years work were read, and the Financial Statements of the various organizations presented. All obligations had been met, and a fair balance shown. A long discussion took place on immediate repairs that must be made on the fabric of the Church, and it was decided to call another meeting during the coming week. Mr. G. F. Whittingback was re-appointed Rector's Warden, and Mr. D. Murray was elected to a further term as Peoples' Warden (by acclamation after a splendid years work). Elected to the Vestry were Mesdames Coghill, Holt, Neal, and Miss Beeby; Messrs. Brown, Buckham, Campbell, Long, McClung, Scott. The Evening Branch of the W.A. served tea and cookies after the Meeting. In Hospital at the time of writing are Miss Jean Whittingback; Mrs. A. Edwardson, Mr. Karan and Mr. E. Walker. We wish for all a speedy recovery.

Baptism—Jan. 6th. William Charles Randall Smayda.

Marriage—Jan. 12th—Norman Frederick Clark, and Violet Frumo.

Burial—Jan. 4th. Doreen Pryor.

ST. FAITH'S

The Rev. L. M. Watts

Looking backward from this advanced date in the new year, Christmas services seem but a memory. A memory of mid-

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night service, of the warmth of the church spiced with spruce, the glow of the cross, carol services and cheery voices calling "Happy Christmas." Of flowers and ferns; of children and fun all mixed up—the essence of which lingers on. That is as it should be. The Rector said, "Christmas is not a day or a season set aside, but a state of mind, an attitude towards others that should be with us all the year through."

The season of annual meetings is upon us, and after listening to reports reviewing the year all departments and groups decided the work had been very worth while. The Church Annual was held Jan. 21st on one of the coldest evenings. Advancement has been made all along the line. The organ fund in particular showing that payments will have been completed well within a two year period. Mr. J. Cleveley was re-appointed Rector's Warden and Mr. W. E. Shillabeer re-elected People's Warden.

Members of the vestry are as follows: Mrs. T. Cole, Miss E. Riddell; Messrs. E. Currey, G. Constable, E. Darch, P. A. Fairbrother, D. R. W. Mason, W. H. Melnyk, H. Robinson, A. H. Sanders, C. Thompson and V. T. Young. Envelope Secretary, W. T. Melnyk. Lay Delegates to the Synod: J. Cleveley, P. A. Fairbrother, C. Thompson and G. Constable. Substitutes: W. J. Melnyk, W. T. Melnyk, D. R. W. Mason and E. Darch.

The Afternoon W.A. met one afternoon recently with 31 members present, a very good attendance considering the weather. Plans were made for a Valentine tea to be held Feb. 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A cordial invitation is extended to all. The treasurer, Mrs. G. Jackson is leaving early in March for England, to be away until Oct. Her department will be looked after by the Dorcas secretary, Mrs. A. H. Sanders. A letter of great interest from Canon Webster of Coppermine, the prayer partner of the group, was read by Mrs. J. W. Brown. A special meeting will be held Feb. 6th to complete plans for the Feb. 13th tea.

The Evening Group W.A. held their annual meeting early in the month and the regular devotional meeting Feb. 23rd. A start was made on the new study book, Mrs. W. E. Shillabeer taking the first paper. The group will be serving tea to all who attend the opening of the new branch of the bank of Montreal on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Letters were read from Canon and Mrs. Webster and Ann. Officers elected for 1952 are: Honorary President, Mrs. L. M. Watts; President, Mrs. P. A. Fairbrother; Vice-President, Mrs. E. D. Darch; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Gourlay; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Walker; Dorcas, Mrs. C. Bridgewater; Educational, Mrs. B. Cairns; Prayer Partner, Mrs. F. Varlow and Little Helpers, Mrs. J. Cleveley.

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ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

The Rev. H. W. Buchner
Rev. J. G. Gardiner
Rev. G. A. Robinson
Rev. R. Alcock

The lovely chrysanthemums on the altar on the Third Sunday in Advent were given by Mrs. Boomer, now of Edmonton, in loving memory of her husband.

The beautiful flowers on the altar on Christmas Day were in loving memory of Pat Tucker DeLain, and were given by her husband, Paul DeLain.

The chrysanthemums and lovely roses on the altar on the First Sunday after Christmas were given by the Vicar in loving memory of his mother, Mrs. Eve Buchner.

The Midnight Christmas Eucharist was celebrated by the Vicar, and was well attended, as was the Eucharist on Christmas Day when the Celebrant again was the Vicar.

The Rev. J. G. Gardiner paid a brief visit to Edson at Christmas and the clergy had an "At Home" for the congregation on Boxing Day.

At the Annual Meeting of the W.A. on Jan. 3rd in the Clergy House the following ladies were elected (mostly re-elected) to office: President, Mrs. L. Wilson; vice-president, Mrs. D. Buck; Secretary, Mrs. F. K. Clarke; Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Tucker; Dorcas, Mrs. F. K.

Clarke; Junior G.A., Mrs. J. Ball; U.T.O., Mrs. E. Harrison; Missionary Secretary, Mrs. S. Rear; Social Convener, Mrs. D. Buck; Sick Visitors for Jan. Mrs. L. Wilson and Mrs. G. Hewitt.

The Evening W.A. is to hold a Bake Sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday, Jan. 19th when coffee and doughnuts will be served.

ST. FAITH'S MISSION, EDSON

Baptisms—Edson: Gerald Lewis Tanton. Bickerdike: Blaine Russell Stensgaard. St. Paul's, Evansburg: Michael James Peterson. Easyford: Richard Allan Oscar. Tomahawk: Harold William Wickware, Harold Benson Wickware. Wildwood: Janet Peterson Sparks.

Funerals—Stereo: Alfred Ernest Shaw (from St. Catherine's, Edson.)

DRAYTON VALLEY

Miss Margaret Cording

All Saints W.A. of Drayton Valley wish you all a very prosperous new year.

The W.A. have had their first meeting of the year and put in our new officers. President, Mrs. L. Williams, Secretary, Mrs. C. Anderson, Dorcas Mrs. M. Hamilton, Treasurer, Miss M. Cording.

On Nov. 31st we had our Bazaar and chicken supper which was a huge success.

We also had our Christmas party and the children had their party thanks to

Miss Cording, we all had a really good time.

Jan. 13th we had the pleasure of having The Revd. G. Robinson and the Rev. R. Alcock for our services of Holy Communion.

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The children's clubs will be meeting again soon and we hope to do bigger and better work this coming year.

The church committee had their Annual meeting and the officers went back as before.

ST. MARY & ST. GEORGE, JASPER

The Rev. E. N. P. Orme

The week before Christmas was a very busy week, both for parishioners and the Incumbent, with the launching of several of the festivities. Included amongst these events was the final party of the Guild Bridge Tournament, held at the home of the Convenor, Mrs. A. MacKenzie, when over 40 people assembled on a very cold winter's night. The party was a huge success and a great credit to the Host and Hostess. The winners of the tournament were Mrs. Bolli and Mrs. McLean, with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Karren runners-up. The Guild realized well over \$100.

On the Thursday before Christmas the Sunday School held its Annual Christmas Concert, which was attended by a large number of parents and friends, and in spite of considerable sickness in many families, proved as successful as ever. The Family Christmas Service on the Sunday before Christmas was well attended, also the Carol Service that evening, when we were glad to have several of our young men, home on holidays from various colleges across Canada, read some of the Lessons. The Midnight Eucharist was again well attended, and the Church looked as beautiful as ever in its Christmas garb, with a 16 foot tree and a nice display of holly sent to us by Mrs. Weaver from Vancouver.

The interval between Christmas and New Year's was busy with the usual parties and visiting amongst friends and neighbors, and we are just beginning to get back into our stride of parochial life, with Annual meetings taking shape on the horizon. The Guild has already held its meeting, with Mrs. Orme as the new president, Mrs. Brodie Snr. vice-president, Mrs. Frank Reed, secretary, and Mrs. Sullivan, treasurer. Excellent reports were handed in by the treasurer and other officers. The EBWA has also held its Annual meeting, with Mrs. Curry, the new President, Mrs. Alexander, vice-president, Mrs. Fisher, secretary and Mrs. Collier, treasurer. Excellent reports were handed in by all officers and conveners in this group too. Both groups are to be commended on the fine work they carried out during the year.

As these notes go to press, the Parish Annual meeting is in the offing and a preview of the reports shows that con-

siderable headway has been made during 1951. A full report of this meeting will be given in the next issue.

Holy Baptism—Gary John Kaye; Michael Arthur Gaddy.

Burial—Ada Graham, Mother of Mr. Fred Berry.

ONOWAY

The Rev. Canon J. C. Matthews

We have had Christmas services at Onoway, Duffield, Wabamun, Seba, Lac La Nonne, Sion and Calahoo.

The Onoway midnight service is always very well attended. Christmas, Easter and Harvest the church is always too small—at other times quite large enough. At a Confirmation or a funeral there is never anything like room enough. For our Christmas Service the church was beautifully decorated by members of the W.A. The lovely flowers on the Altar were given by the W.A.

At All Saints Seba Beach we had a most wonderful service with carols and hymns sung by different groups of ladies—young people and children who had all been prepared by Mrs. Geldart the organist.

The coldest service was at Lac la Nonne. St. Peter's is one of those churches without a ceiling and all the heat from the small stove flows up and out into the great beyond. Even the water in the cruet froze.

The Norris family at Calahoo is and always has been one of the most faithful in Church attendance so that it was a great pleasure bless the marriage of Margery Rose to George Petrie Dec. 31st. In spite of the 30 below temperature there was a large gathering in the Norris home.

At the Annual W.A. at Onoway Mrs. Bramley was elected President and Mrs. Parker vice-president. Mrs. Kettle Snr. continues as Sec.-Treas. and Mrs. Jared Turnbull is Prayer Partner and Education Leader. Mrs. Dales continues as Superintendent of the Little Helpers.

ST. MARY'S, BARRHEAD

The Rev. D. V. A. Browne

Instead of having the customary Carol Service followed by a celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas morning, we decided to have the Carol service on the Sunday evening before Christmas Day, and the celebration of the Holy Communion on Christmas morning. This arrangement proved to be most successful, as both services were very well attended. In fact, for the Carol service extra chairs had to be brought into the Church. Our Parish Hall is now nearing completion and our thanks are due to Mr. F. A. Pringle for the splendid job he is doing in this connection. He successfully organized a group of voluntary helpers on the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 9th to help complete the interior of the hall. We are now looking

forward with interest to the official opening of the hall.

The W.A. held its annual meeting at the home of Mrs. H. MacKenzie on Wednesday, Jan. 2nd. The chief item of business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following were elected to hold office: President, Mrs. H. MacKenzie; Vice-President, Mrs. T. Yetts; Secretary, Miss H. Whitaker; Treasurer, Mrs. G. Slaughter; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. B. B. Hanson; Little Helpers' Secretary, Mrs. C. Prickell. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Ted Beet on Feb. 6th at 3:00 p.m.

ST. PHILIP'S, WESTLOCK

Our annual Sunday School Christmas Concert and Tree was held in the Parish Hall on Friday, Dec. 21st at 8:00 p.m. There was a splendid attendance of parents, friends of the Sunday School, and children. We were very pleased that our busy Vicar was able to get over from Barrhead to be present with us and he spoke of the enormous amount of work the organization of such a concert entailed. Our thanks are due to Mrs. C. C. Curlett, the superintendent, and the other teachers, Mrs. P. F. Conkin, Mrs. G. R. Robertson and to all others who helped to make this annual concert the success it proved to be. The annual Carol Service was held on Christmas Eve, at 11:00 p.m. The singing of the Carols and the old favourite hymns was evidently much enjoyed by the congregation as was also the rendering of a solo by Mrs. Bott, who sang the Carol "Silent night, Holy night."

On Wednesday, Jan. 16th the annual congregational meeting was held in the Parish Hall at 8:00 p.m. The reports from the different organizations in the Parish Hall showed a substantial financial balance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Vicar's Warden, J. W. Cowley; People's Warden, W. Horrocks; Vestry, P. Abernethy, A. Horrocks, P. F. Conkin, Mrs. C. C. Curlett, Mrs. G. R. Robertson, Mrs. F. Merryweather.

Baptism—On Dec. 16th, Harry Bailey Curlett, Shelley Colgan Curlett.

Burial—On Jan. 11th, Margaret Walmsley, in Westlock cemetery.

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ST. JOHN'S, KITSCHOTY

The Annual meeting of the W.A. was held on the 10th Jan. 1952 at the home of Mrs. Butterfield. Officers elected were as follows: President, Mrs. Bob Fox; Vice-President, Mrs. Butterfield; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Apperson and Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. Mary Mason. After business a dainty lunch was served by the Hostess.

ST. GEORGE'S, MARWAYNE

A joint Christmas Day Service of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m. was held at Irwinville Church with a representative attendance of both congregations. Rev. Cathcart preached his usual thought-provoking sermon.

On the following Thursday, 7:30 p.m. the members of the Sunday School held their 1st Christmas Concert in the Hall. Mrs. Norcioss is to be congratulated on the splendid program produced by the pupils who gave several Chorus, a playet Santa the Snowman, by the group, recitations, solos and quartet. There was no delay in between items as two of the tiny tots took the matter in hand right, in centre stage, showing they had listened well to the practices also a determination to know what they must do when it comes their turn next year. I mention no names as each one did their part as well as they could. Maxine was accompanist (with Rev. Cathcart chairman) was both surprised and pleased.

Gifts and candies were distributed before we sang God Save the King after which a lovely lunch was served by the W.A. with a case of soft drinks for the children. It was well worth the drive in for those who came from all directions.

The regular meeting of the W.A. was held next day with a full attendance and plans for the seasons work made subscriptions to the Edmonton Churchman paid also dues. We invite all ladies to come to our meeting and join in this work and effort to further the Master's Work in St. George's Parish.

Wishing Everybody a happy and peaceful New Year.

ST. MARK'S, BLACKFOOT

Our Service for Christmas was held on Dec. 30th with Holy Communion by Rev. W. H. Peckover.

The Annual meeting of the W.A. was held on Jan. 3rd, 1952 at the home of Mrs. J. Harvard with five present. Election of officers were: President, Mrs. C. Haight; Vice-President, Mrs. J. Harvard; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. R. Anthony; Educational Secretary, Mrs. H. Sobey; Thank - Offering Secretary, Mrs. N. Robison, Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. C. Haight.

The Sunday School closed for the winter months on Dec. 23rd with a Sacred Program. Some of the children were away on account of sickness. Lunch was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Haight by Mrs. George, Mrs. Tingley, Mrs. Kay, Mrs. Coutu and Mrs. Korchin-sky.

On Dec. 16th Rev. Peckover baptized the following, Ronald John Blake and Eric Anthony Blake.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION

The Rev. Canon T. W. Teape

The Parish of Vermilion has been violently split in two. Do you remember Gulliver's Travels, and the people who always ate their eggs propped up on their big ends (known as the Big Endians), and the people who ate their eggs propped up on their little ends (known as the Little Endians). Well, it is worse than that. The parish consists now of those who read the Edmonton Churchman and those who do not. If you are one of the people who are not reading this, then the reason is that you have not coughed up fifty cents. That is, for 1952. We are forgiving you all the issues since 1906 that you haven't paid for and are merely asking you to pay for this one little year, 1952. The Vestry have hardened their hearts and have decided to foreclose on the mortgage. Any one who does not come through with half a dollar is going to be cut off with a penny and then thrown to the wolves without any compunction. So, don't say we didn't tell you.

Laymen's Dinner—Don't forget it. The date is Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 26th. Any Anglican layman from town or country is heartily invited to come. Just whisper a word in Ernie Buckingham's ear to say you would like to go.

Men's Club — The usual marvellous meal was forthcoming on Jan. 15th. Stan Pettem was in on it somewhere, with Laurie Blades as chief chef, Sandy Watt as Assistant chef, and three scullions: J. W. G. Morrison, J. R. Robson, and E. H. Buckingham. Maurice Lehodey was Master of Ceremonies, and he produced a quizz which put all former quizzes into the shade. It also revealed that the average intelligence quotient of those present was about minus five. The election of officers for 1952 resulted in the following people taking office: President, C. M. King; Vice-President, Mr. Kneale; Secretary-Treasurer, Stan Pettem. Members of the Executive, Ernie Buckingham and Sam Soldan. Mr. Buckingham brought forward a Notice of Motion whereby the Men's Club would sponsor a plan to support an Anglican theological student to the extent of \$250.00, the said student to be sent from this parish. This is a matter of the greatest importance, and it was felt that more time should be given the members to consider the matter. It was therefore tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Laurie Blades then showed coloured slides of a farm near Camrose. The pictures of fruit, flowers, trees and shrubs, showed what could be accomplished in the horticultural line in this part of Canada.

King Edward W.A. have donated fifty dollars to the St. Saviour's Vestry. This is a very handsome way of saying Thank You for the hall and the help they got when they put on their big Chicken Supper in the late Fall. The Vermilion people appreciate their generosity. Have you seen the New Curtains in the hall? The money came from a number of sources, among them the proceeds from selling Christmas cards. In 1950 it was the Junior Girls, and in 1951 it was Mrs. Billie Pilkie single handed. Anyway, they cost sixty-seven dollars and they will prove both beautiful and useful. Have you seen the ladies and the girls in the choir in their new Oxford Caps? The Afternoon W.A. put up the money

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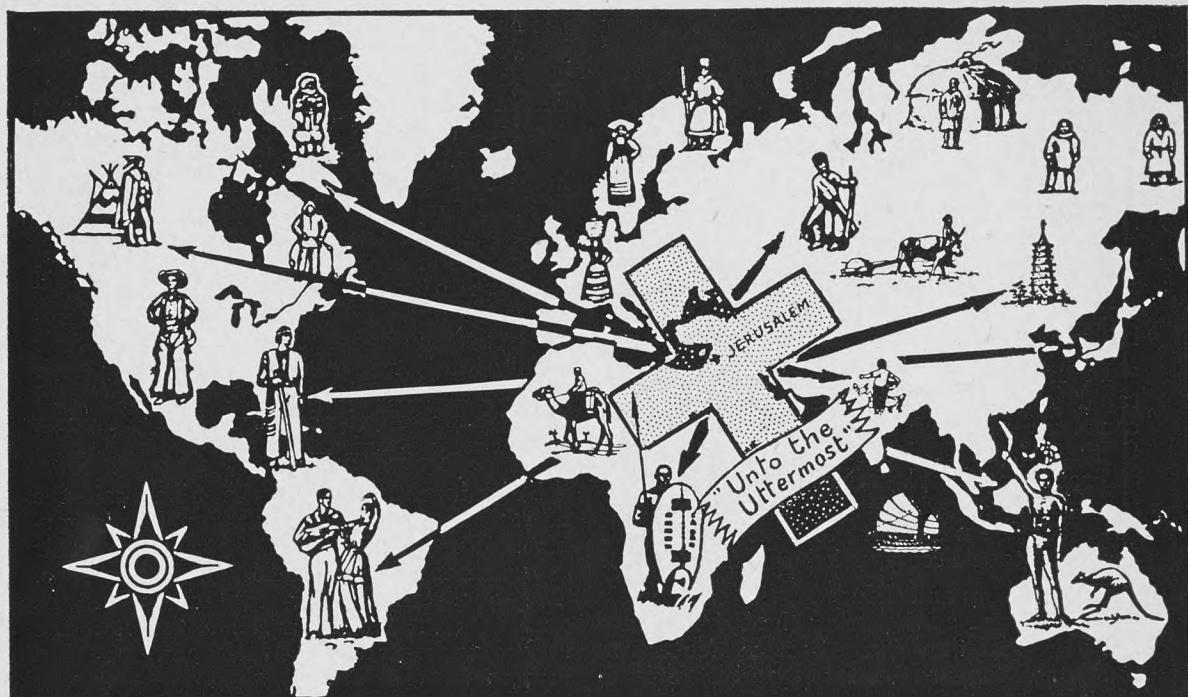
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THE PRIMATE VISITS KOREA AND JAPAN

AN EPOCH-MAKING VISIT to Canadian Anglican missionaries in Japan was made last November by the newly-elected Primate, the Most Reverend Walter F. Barfoot, following his visit in Korea.

During his six days in Korea, the Archbishop lived in the front lines with the Canadian Forces. The discipline among them was good, he reports, the men well-fed and in good spirits. The desolation and misery on every side, however, is appalling and His Grace appeals to the people of Canada to remember constantly the fighting men who are keeping the war from our shores.

Archbishop Barfoot's first visit in Japan was to the Christian Center at Hiroshima, with its two Kindergartens, Church, Clinic and the Fellowship Center, of which the Rev. Harold McSherry is in charge. Reconstruction in Hiroshima, reports the Archbishop, has gone forward at a staggering pace.

In order that the Primate might make a rapid tour of points where Canadian Anglicans are at work without undue strain, Colonel C. G. F. Stone of Ottawa, Director of Protestant Chaplain Services for the Army, arranged for a private car with sleeping accommodation and cuisine to be at his disposal. Colonel Stone accompanied the Archbishop.

Kobe, Kyoto and Gifu were visited in quick succession and at the latter the Primate saw the new Christian Social Service Center for the Blind, opened just before his arrival,

where Miss Jessie Miller of Vancouver is at work. He saw also the Helen Keller Library which will be part of this new Center.

A forty minute journey brought the Primate, Colonel Stone, Miss Miller, Mrs. P. S. C. Powles and Rev. J. R. Toyooka, Chaplain of the San at Obuse, to Nagoya. Lunch was served at Miss Hilda Robinson's home, then the Archbishop visited Bishop Onishi of Mid-Japan who, unfortunately, was ill. As a thankoffering for the Primate's visit, Bishop Onishi presented him with one of his precious personal possessions—one of the few things saved from the repeated destruction of his home during the war. Then followed a tour of the Churches and Kindergartens in Nagoya and a reception at the Kindergarten Teachers' Training School, at which Miss Frances Hawkins was hostess. There His Grace found that the great need was for a new hostel to accommodate twenty more students. The Primate's kindly interest in greeting individually each student and staff member of the School and each pastor and visitor from Nagoya district was greatly appreciated.

Much inspiration was to be gained, said the Archbishop, from the Christian Kindergartens. The intelligence of the children, their eagerness to learn and their skill were obvious. The opportunities for contacts with the parents and for evangelism through the eleven kindergartens in Mid-Japan alone, are inestimable.



Archbishop Barfoot worships with the men at Brigade Headquarters.

National Defence Photo.

In the Churches visited the Primate found that the congregations were small and about 90% of them were young people, many still in High School. This necessitates outside work for many of the clergy in order to make a living.

The visit to the New Life Sanatorium, Obuse, began with an enthusiastic welcome from the staff and other members of the Canadian family who had gone there to meet the Archbishop. At ten o'clock, Holy Communion was celebrated in the Sanatorium Chapel by Bishop Powles, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Toyooka who also interpreted the Archbishop's sermon. This service which the Archbishop describes as "unforgetable", was followed by a visit to every ward to greet the patients. Lunch at Bishop Powles' home for the nineteen Canadians, a conference with the Canadian missionaries and then the Japanese clergy from the district, a Japanese supper with the San staff, an informal programme and the Primate's benediction brought the happy visit to an end.

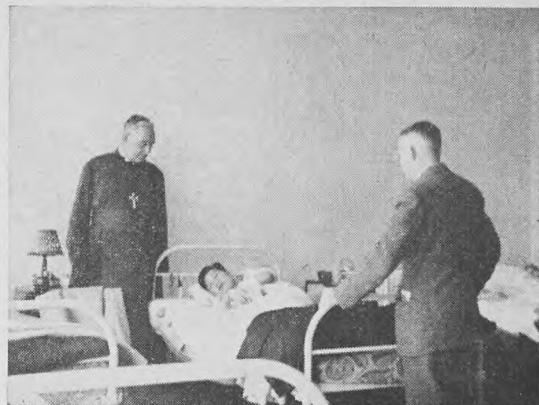
The party returned that night by motor to Nagano where the special car was on the siding, in order that they might have half an hour in the morning to see the Nagano Church and Miss Marie Foerstel's home. At 9.30 a.m. His Grace and Colonel Stone left for Tokyo accompanied by the Rev. Norman Smith and Miss Constance Purser, our two newest missionaries who are still at language study in that city.

In spite of the fact that time did not permit His Grace to reach all points of work, he touched parts of four dioceses of the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Episcopal Church in Japan) and many people had the opportunity of becoming personally acquainted with the Primate of the Mother Church in Canada.



Photograph by Rev. H. J. McSherry.

Just arrived from Korea, the Primate, with Colonel Daish and Mrs. McSherry, visits the Hiroshima Kindergartens.



In every ward a patient was appointed to welcome the Archbishop and to thank him for coming. Patients in New Life San at that time totalled 104.



The Archbishop and Dr. Start inspect the new building and sample the dinner on its way to the wards. It tastes good, apparently!



Photographs, Kindness Bishop Powles.

The farewell at Nagano station, following a visit to Nagano Church with which Miss Foerstel is connected. Canadians: left to right: Miss C. Benns, Reg.N., (back) Miss J. Miller, Rev. Norman Smith, Mrs. Powles, (back) the Primate, Bishop Powles, Col. Stone, Miss C. Purser, Miss M. Foerstel, (back) Dick Cook.

FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER AND SERVICE

For the Church of Christ Around the World

We appeal to all Church Members to use these Prayer Topics daily.

Sunday—South America

Let us give thanks for growth of the Episcopal Church in Brazil since 1899, when its first Bishop was consecrated, until now there are three missionary districts, each administered by its own Bishop.

For the farsighted policy of the early Church leaders in Brazil of directing every effort to produce native clergy.

Let us pray for God's blessing on and direction of, the expanding work of the Episcopal Church in Brazil.

That God the Holy Spirit may guide and strengthen all native Christian workers of the South American Missionary Society in Argentina, Chile and Paraguay.

Monday—Canada

Let us give thanks for the enthusiasm with which many of the Dioceses have undertaken both the Every Member Canvass and the Laymen's Missionary Emergency Appeal.

For the evident realization in some Dioceses of their increasing responsibility for the whole work of the Church.

Let us pray that the Laymen's Missionary Emergency Appeal, enthusiastically taken up by most of the dioceses, may prove a permanent blessing to the Church in that it has caught the interest of the laymen.

That the work this winter of the Bishops' Messengers at St. Faith's in Manitoba and St. James' Mission in Saskatchewan among the children and young people may bear abundant fruit.

That God's Holy Spirit may direct the choice of the new bishop in the Diocese of Calgary whose election takes place on February 21st.

Tuesday—China

Let us give thanks that, in times of misunderstanding, opposition and persecution, the Church of China has not failed but rather has been purified and strengthened.

For the faithful witness of pastors, professors, teachers, doctors and nurses, and for all Christians in town and village who by their lives show forth their faith.

Let us pray for the leaders of China, that they may use their new power for the real and lasting good of their country and their people.

For the Church leaders who at this time are subject to severe testing.

Wednesday—Japan

Let us give thanks for the visit of our Primate to Japan where he saw much of the work Canadian Anglicans are doing.

For the life and work of the Right Rev. H. J. Hamilton, first Bishop of the Diocese of Mid-Japan who passed to higher service on Jan. 4.

For the opening of the new Social Service Center for the Blind at Gifu where Miss Jessie Miller of Vancouver is working.

Let us pray that the Rev. T. Y. Nakamichi of Hiroshima, may be greatly blessed and assisted in his studies at the General Theological Seminary in New York. (*The Rev. H. J. McSherry is in charge of the parish in his absence.*)

That the Emperor and Empress of Japan may become followers of the Prince of Peace and use their great influence toward the building of a Christian Nation.

Thursday—India

Let us give thanks for the appointment of Canon Barakat Ullah as Archdeacon in the Punjab. (*This appointment will mean a lightening of the extremely heavy burden carried by Bishop Wilkinson since his consecration.*)

For the numerous gifts to the Hospital at Manali in the Kulu Valley, which will provide much needed equipment.

Let us pray for Archdeacon Barakat Ullah, that God the Holy Spirit will enable him for his new responsibility.

That the way may speedily open up for the building of the new Maple Leaf Hospital at Kangra.

That God will bless and guide Dr. and Mrs. Burfoot as they carry on their work in the small isolated hospital at Manali in the Kulu Valley.

Friday—Muslim Lands

Let us give thanks for the many missionaries in Muslim Lands who have laboured faithfully among the people for years in spite of opposition and discouragement.

Let us pray that a wise, just and peaceful spirit may possess the leaders of the Muslim World.

That each of the Muslims, many of whom are sincerely seeking after the truth and endeavouring obediently to follow the light within, may experience the fellowship of consecrated Christians, and so be led to the knowledge of our Master.

Saturday—

O God, who dost hold the destiny of nations in thy hand, we pray that out of the travail of this present time a new world may come to birth in which justice, righteousness and peace may reign. Open the eyes of the people to their need of thee, that through trial and testing they may grow in spiritual power, and lead others to find in Jesus Christ the Way, the Truth and the Life. For His sake. AMEN.

UPCOAST CHILDREN HAVE THEIR INNINGS

ONE BOAT, ONE PRIEST of the Church, nineteen ports of call, 500 miles of B.C. Coast and one visit a month per port—these bare facts describe in outline the task of the Mission Ship "Rendezvous" and her Padre-skipper. The same is true of the other two patrols of the Columbia Coast Mission. Is there any wonder help was needed to reach the scattered children of this mission area?

Fifteen voluntary helpers answered the call for Vacation School workers for the *Rendezvous* patrol and two for the *John Antle* Patrol during last July and August. They came from Moncton, Toronto, Winnipeg, Regina, Kelowna, Victoria, Sooke, Campbell River, and Everett, Washington. Through them the upcoast children had a living contact with the church "outside". By means of the *Rendezvous* the leaders went into eighteen ports of call, reaching more than 200 children, white, Indian and Japanese, to whom they gave, in all ways possible, not only the stories about Jesus but also some of the life of the Church.

How hungry these children were for just what these leaders had to give them! In

one bay, before the *Rendezvous* was out of sight five boys made an unofficial visit to the newly arrived teachers. Imagine the questions about other parts of Canada. Imagine, too, how this natural inquisitiveness was used by the teachers as openings for the message they had brought. The school hours of ten to twelve and one to three were not sufficient to satisfy these children. Their only complaint was "The School's too short," but the reply—"There'll be more next year," made them very happy. The attendance ranged from as low as three to twenty or thirty, which was 95% to 100% of the total possible.

Most of the schools left their mark not only upon the children, but equally upon the parents. Only three schools had the use of a church or chapel. In some ports rustic chapels were built with the help of the children and used as churches.

Some of the workers were boarded, others had to batch it, but all were thrilled beyond words at all that they had seen and experienced.

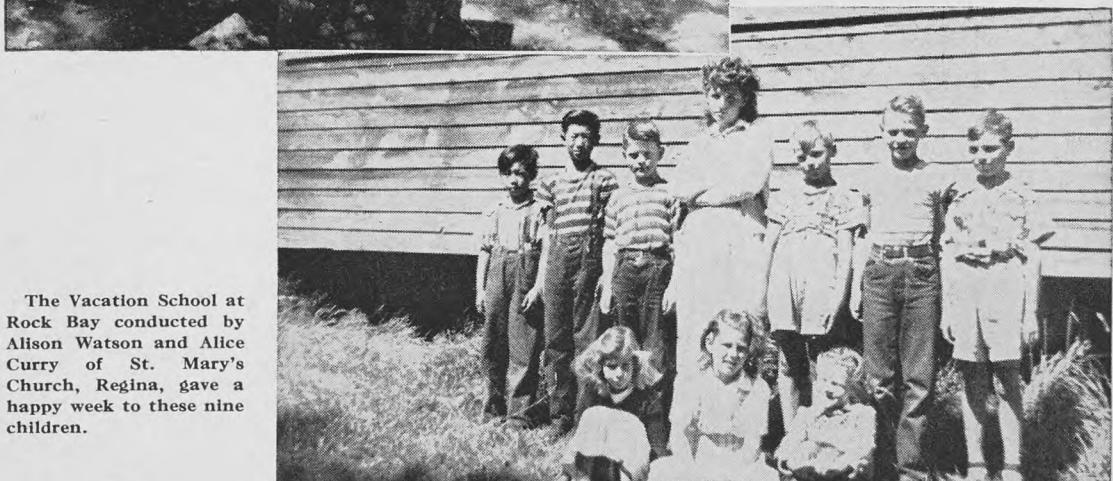


The new Church of St. John the Baptist, Whaletown, Cortez Island, B.C., the center of the work in this area. Children from six vacation schools at nearby ports visited St. John's as part of their teaching. Some of them had never been in a church before.

After Sunday School in the chapel of the *Rendezvous* at Owen Bay, B.C. The Padre-skipper, Rev. R. M. Boas, in centre of group.



The Padre-skipper conducts the closing service of the "Cathedral Grove" Vacation School at Blind Creek.



The Vacation School at Rock Bay conducted by Alison Watson and Alice Curry of St. Mary's Church, Regina, gave a happy week to these nine children.

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(which was plenty) and they may well be proud that it has been so well spent. In the recent WEEK OF PRAYER the congregation "pulled its weight" far better than in previous years. A charitable feeling of good fellowship was apparent at all the services and they were well attended despite the very cold weather. The latest brain child of the Afternoon W.A. is a sliding door to be placed at the entrance of the hall to prevent draughts, chilly blasts from sweeping down the hall from the outer door. Mr. Billie Pilkie says it can be done, which is almost the same thing as saying that it is done. Whether Mr. MacDormand is mortgaging his so called "leisure hours," or whether he is adding another star to his crown, we are not quite sure, but what he is doing will meet with the approval of all. He is going to run an A.Y.P.A. (Anglican Young People's Association) among our teen-agers. At the present our congregation is not doing much in the way of youth organizations to keep our young people in touch with the Church. This is a definite move in the right direction. We have pledged ourselves to give Mr. MacDormand all the help he needs to make the A.Y.P.A. a success. The two W.A.'s at St. Saviour's must write their own story of the bitterly fought elections. We would no doubt be accused of letting our imagination run riot. In case they do not send in a couple of columns, here are one or two bare details. The Afternoon Branch re-elected most of their officers for a new term. President; Mrs. J. R. Robson; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Rogan and Mrs. Adamson; Secretary, Mrs. Davidson; Treasurer, Mrs. Williams; Dorcas, Mrs. Scott. The Evening Branch or Happy Hour Group elected the following: President, Freda Dixon; Vice-President, Margaret Nicholls; Secretary-Treasurer, Ena Leigh; Corresponding Secretary, Mae Brennan; Dorcas, Gladys Fooks. All errors and omissions will be rectified with abundant apologies in our next issue.

ST. MATTHEW'S, ASHMONT

The Rev. L. S. Thurston

Our Christmas Services were very well attended. At our Carol Service the Sunday evening before Christmas we were very fortunate to have with us His Grace Archbishop Barfoot who gave us his regular visit at this time of the year. We were pleased to have such a large congregation to hear the message given by the Primate. After this service a reception was held in the hall where the Primate met the people and talked with them individually.

The following evening being Christmas Eve we had a midnight carol and Communion Service which was fairly well attended. The church was suitably decorated with small Christmas trees.

On Christmas Day a service was held at the Saddle Lake Indian Reserve after which gifts were distributed to the children.

The Annual Meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. C. Ashdown

early in the New Year at which time we had our election of officers as follows: Mrs. D. S. Woodlock, President; Mrs. C. Jesson, Vice-President; Mrs. L. S. Thurston, Secretary-Treasurer. Plans were discussed as to how we could make our meetings more interesting. It was decided that we should endeavour to do some useful project for a short period each meeting. Our first undertaking was to be the making up of scrap books from old Christmas cards, these books to be distributed to the hospital.

Ashmont had an extra Yuletide touch this year as the Boy Scouts erected a Christmas tree on Main Street. This was suitably decorated with lights, the power being supplied by the Coffee Shop.

We were glad to see Mr. Nelson of the British and Foreign Bible Society in town within this last short while and we hope that the influence of the gospel will be felt in the homes of the community.

BEAVER RIVER SCHOOL

The Beaver folk had their Christmas Communion on the Sunday morning before Christmas in the school. The school was warm and the service was fairly well attended. We were pleased to have the Martels back with us, also Sidney Midwinter from the Vermilion School of Agriculture.

Many of the Beaver people were in Ashmont in the evening to welcome the Primate.

So far the roads are still open to the school and we hope to be able to continue services.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, RIFE

Due to the cold weather several services at Rife have had to be cancelled. It is to be hoped that they will be resumed in the near future.

For the Christmas Service Mrs. Leach of Glendon brought us some sprigs of holly which had been sent to her from the coast by Mrs. Johnston. Mrs. Johnston used to be a member of the church at Rife before leaving for the coast.

ST. PAUL

We are glad to have some of our St. Paul people attending church in Ashmont as they help to swell our congregation.

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, VEGREVILLE

The Rev. A. P. Venables

The Carol Service of the Nine Lessons and White Gift Service was the usual happy affair, preparing us for the Christmas Eve Eucharist at 11:30 p.m., well attended. The gift of red and white carnations from Mrs. Correy, set in the midst of the candles, leading up to the silver star made the altar very lovely.

Services were held on Christmas Day at Soda Lake and Whitford, practically all parishioners being present, and then the Vicar went off to Ranfurly Christmas night for supper with Mr. and Mrs.

Servis and celebrated the Communion with them on St. Stephen's morn.

Scarlet Fever in Vegreville ruled out our usual children's party; however, each child was given a present from the tree in the Church after the Carol Service.

The W.A. held their annual meeting on Jan. 15th at the home of Mrs. Mast. The new slate of officers for 1952 includes:

President, Mrs. F. Willan; Vice-President, Mrs. G. Warren; Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Walker; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Mast; Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. J. Nicholson.

CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE

The Rev. T. H. Clegg

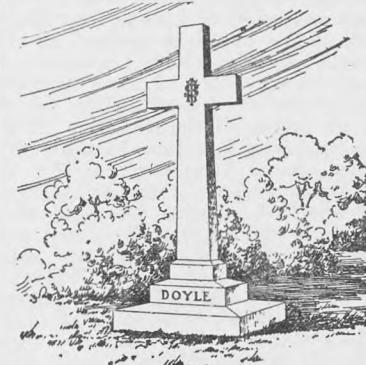
Church has been held regularly every Sunday with only fair attendance except on Dec. 23rd when the Christmas Service was held. The church was filled to overflowing. The choir gave a lovely rendition of a Christmas anthem. The congregation joined with the choir in the singing of many beautiful carols. Christmas Communion was celebrated on Christmas Day with a very good congre-

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gation. This service was enjoyed by all who attended.

Service was again held on Dec. 30th the last for 1951. Canon Teape was the celebrant for Holy Communion Jan. 6th. There were very few present at this service.

Evening service was held again on the 6th of Jan. Many were absent due to sickness.

Choir practice has once again started after the Christmas holidays. Many are absent from these practices due to an epidemic of scarletina which is prevalent at the present time.

The last Bible Study was held at the home of Mrs. N. Whitson. After the study period and questions were over Mrs. Whitson served a very nice lunch. The next meeting will be held on the 24th.

W.A. News—The annual meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Williams on Jan. 9th with 14 present. Rev. R. Clennett opened the meeting with the W.A. Litany followed by the member's prayer. The regular meeting minutes were read and the monthly business taken care of. The W.A. served lunch to the Lady Curlers and netted in the neighborhood of twenty dollars with which the ladies were satisfied. Mrs. Williams gave a very good and complete report of the year's work of the W.A. The financial statement was read by the secretary and the branch was pleased with the year's work. A vote of thanks was given to the president for her leadership. Thanks were also extended to the secretary for the tireless work of keeping the books in order. The president thanked all the members for their work and co-operation during the year. Rev. Clennett took the chair for the election of officers which were as follows: President, Mrs. D. F. Otto; First Vice-President, Mrs. M. McLuckie; Second Vice-President; Mrs. F. A. Mercer; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Rutherford; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Rutherford; Educational Secretary and Churchman Reporter, Kay Sutton; Hospital Committee, Mrs. A. E. Williams, Mrs. L. Hughes was to be asked to take charge of the Girls. The office of Little Helper's Secretary now held by Mrs. C. W. Hamilton was left until later when Mrs. Hamilton who is ill will be with us again.

The W.A. is providing lunch for the Annual Congregational meeting to be held in the near future in the Parish Hall. A kettle and pan is to be bought for the use of the Parish Hall. The Dorcas Work for 1952 is taken care of. The Rev. Clennett closed the meeting with prayer and the hostess served a lovely lunch.

The monthly vestry meeting was held at the home of Mr. E. Hubbard with ten present. The meeting opened with prayer and the minutes of the last meeting were read. It was decided to send for two dozen chairs for the Parish Hall. A little book rack was to be put up in the vestry and a collapsible table built on to the wall for the Sunday School.

The annual congregational meeting is scheduled for Jan. 23rd in the Parish Hall.

With the Sunday School—The Christmas Concert was the best ever in the opinion of the full house who attended it. Thanks are due to the teachers and pupils who gave such a grand performance. Santa was good to the kiddies as always. Sunday School is held each Sunday. Mrs. E. Pedersen is taking Mrs. Hamilton's class while the latter is ill.

We take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Sutton a speedy recovery after a long illness also Mrs. Hamilton who is ill in the Royal Alexandra hospital in Edmonton.

ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

A Carol service was held on Jan. 6th in lieu of a Christmas Service.

The vestry held a meeting on Jan. 14th at the home of Mrs. M. Coulta at which a crib party was planned for Jan. 25th at the school.

The next service will be on Jan. 20th at the home of Mrs. W. A. Cornish at 2:30 p.m. followed by the Annual congregational meeting.

The monthly W.A. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. M. McDonald on Jan. 2nd with only a fair attendance due to an outbreak of Scarletina in the district. With funds being very low due to a last minute donation to aid the vestry we decided to have a sale of home cooking in town the following Saturday which proved very successful netting over \$31.00 for which we wish to thank all who helped and patronized this sale. We left our planned card party until the Scarletina epidemic had subsided. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Cornish on Feb. 6th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Glen Coulter on Dec. 20th a son. Gene William Glen.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Services were taken each Sunday from September until Christmas by Mr. H. J. Ayres. On Sunday, Nov. 25th the Service was somewhat of a farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Lars Hagen, who have lived in this District for many years. After the Service there was a gathering in the Rectory at which Tea was served, and a gift of an electric toaster was given to Mrs. Hagen, as a token of her energetic and much appreciated work for the Church in the Ladies Guild. We shall greatly miss the Hagen family, and we wish them every happiness in their new home in Edmonton. On Saturday, Dec. 8th, we welcomed the Field Commissioner for the Boy Scouts, Mr. H. B. Holloway, who had a meeting with the Boys on that day. On Sunday the 9th Mr. Holloway very kindly gave the address at Evensong, his subject being the Parable of the Talents. The turn-out was very disappointing on that day, and we hope that after a new Scoutmaster is appointed, and regular meetings are held, there will be a much better turn-out to welcome Mr. Holloway on his next visit.

On Sunday, Dec. 23rd we welcomed our Bishop for the first time since his Consecration as Primate, he was accompanied by our old friend Howard Singleton, who very kindly assisted in the Services. We appreciated very much the fact that His Grace was able to come to us as usual, despite his many added duties. On this day we had our Christmas Services, Holy Communion at 8:00 a.m., Sacrament of Confirmation 10:00 a.m., with Sung Eucharist at 11:00 a.m. followed by Holy Baptism. After the Services the Bishop was kind enough to give out the usual bags of candy to children, young and old. His Grace had a very busy half day, and was obliged to leave after lunch, in order to reach Ashmont for an evening Service. On Monday

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Dec. 24th, the usual Service at the Crib was taken by Mr. H. J. Ayres at 8:00 p.m. On Dec. 30th the Young People's Service was held as usual at 2:00 p.m. This Service is taken by several young boys, and this year Charles Layton read the Service very ably, with Ronald Smith and Roger Collins each reading a Lesson from Holy Scripture. The usual two addresses were given at this Service by Mr. H. J. Ayres, the first, on the subject of the Incarnation, and the second on Divine Love, and Jesus the Light of the World. The Service ended as usual, with a Procession of the whole congregation from the Crib, each carrying lighted candles, representing to us, that we must each carry in our life, something of that Great Light that "lighteth every man that cometh into the world." The first hymn at this Service was sung accompanied by a violin, played by James Arnold who played exceedingly well for a boy of nine.

On Oct. 25th the Ladies Guild held their Annual Sale and Dinner, but omitted the Dance until Nov. The ladies served an excellent dinner, that was well patronized, as was the sale in the afternoon. As a result of this effort, and a Bean Supper held a few weeks later, with the Dance, the Guild was able to donate to the Church, three new Pews, also a Purple Dorsal Curtain for use in Church, during the Penitential Seasons. The Guild Ladies would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have donated and worked, to assist them in their various efforts during the past year. It was nice to see the first shipment of new Pews in the Church for our Christmas Services, and we hope to have the balance of these in place by Easter, ready for Dedication. We are grateful to the following who have given Pews or who are in the process of donating a Pew, W. Laidlaw, Mr. and Mrs. T. Tustin and family, Mr. V. D. Chancellor, the Jackson Family, Guild of St. Margaret, (three) Mrs. N. Wotherspoon, and Mr. H. J. Ayres, and all others who have donated towards a Pew. We hope to hear from any other Families who would like to help complete the second shipment, contributions should be in before March 1st if possible. All will be glad to know that the heavy expense for fixtures and wiring of the Church and Hall, has been fully paid for from the Christmas offerings and the New Year's Eve Dance.

The Church Family Party held on the Feast of St. John the Evangelist, Dec. 27th, was a very happy gathering. There was an excellent spirit abroad, and a lot of fun was enjoyed by both children and grown-ups. Many children sang Carols and songs, even tiny ones, but the teen-age boys were noticeably lacking in doing their part. A piano solo, "Galway Bay," played by Bob Brady, a violin solo of a Hymn played by James Arnold, and a guitar selection played and sung by Irvin Hillaby, were all excellent. Three men sang the Carol of the Three Kings, Mrs. Wotherspoon and Mr. Ayres sang a duet, "The Holy City." After the presents on the Tree had been unloaded

to some eighty children, the Party ended with the singing of "O, Come All Ye Faithful," by the whole crowd, followed by Prayers and ending with the Benediction. This was the best Family Party yet, and we hope that many more will take part next year, especially the Scouts. Evensong on Dec. 30th was followed by Supper and a Party at the Rectory, for the Servers Guild. Too bad that David Smith was unable to reach Grand Centre for that day, as all others were present.

Ladies Guild held their Annual Meeting on New Year's Eve at which Mrs. H. Welsh, and Mrs. N. Wotherspoon were again elected as President and Secretary.

Resolutions were passed to improve the equipment in the Hall kitchen. The Church Committee were unable to have their meeting due to many being unable to attend, because of lack of transportation. A buffet supper was served in the Rectory after the Ladies meeting, and was enjoyed by the Ladies and other faithful helpers, before proceeding to the New Year's Dance.

Baptisms—Richard Thomas Harbarenko, Edwin Clifford Bamber.

Confirmation—Vera Margaret Rollison.

Burial—Dawn Gail Bowsfield, Jack Clifford Taylor.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. MATTHEW'S, VIKING

The Rev E. S. Ottley

W.A.—Our Fall Bazaar was quite successful and our thoughts are turning to the "Conference and Easter Tea. Sunday School was quite active until the Christmas holidays, since then there has been a lot of scarlet fever, schools and movies have been closed.

Owing to very severe weather we have missed some services. Our Carol Service was very much enjoyed. Midnight service was well attended. The beautiful flowers on Altar were in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Small from the family. Our Dec. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. M. Milne when the election of officers took place and the following ladies were re-elected: President, Mrs. H. Child; Vice-President, Mrs. W. Lawes; Treasurer, Mrs. D. Kennedy; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. G. Swaine; Secretary, Mrs. S. Howells. Mrs. Howells was asked to take over as secretary, Mrs. Taylor being unable to carry on we decided to take Prayer Partners and Mrs. M. Milne has written and had a very inspiring reply from Rev. Fuller in Northern Ont. We read it at our Jan. meeting and enjoyed his description of his home and work.

Our Church has been beautifully decorated during the Christmas Season with greens sent to us by some good friends of the parish, who now live at Langley Prairie, B.C.

HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

The Rev. V. P. Cole

The Festive Season of Christmas was marked this year by Carol Services at Viking and Tofield on Sunday, Dec. 23rd and Celebrations of Holy Communion at Rodino on the 23rd at Viking Christmas Eve, at Tofield Christmas morning and at Lindbrook on Sunday, Dec. 30th. In spite of rather chilly weather the response to these services was very gratifying.

The new lighting system was far enough advanced so that it could be used for the Christmas season, and since then has been completed. The transformation has to be seen to be believed. The con-

gregation's very special thanks go to Mr. and Mrs. Barden for this memorial gift, in memory of the late Mr. Walter Bellamy. We also wish to extend our thanks to Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Garford and the Vicar for their work of instalation.

Afternoon Branch, W.A.—On Thursday, Jan. 10th the afternoon branch of the W.A. held their annual meeting in the Sunday School Room. The reports of the various departments revealed that 1951 had been a very successful one. Following is a list of the Officers for 1952:

Honorary President, Mrs. H. Barden; President, Mrs. W. J. Bailey; Vice-President, Mrs. V. Cole; Secretary Treasurer, Miss L. E. Baptist; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Roberts; Thank-Offering, Living Message and Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Robinson; Prayer Partner and Education Secretary, Mrs. C. Baptist.

The Evening Branch of the W.A. will hold their annual meeting on Monday, Jan. 28th, and will be reported on in the next issue.

We wish to extend to all our Parishioners the very best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sunday School—Patricia and Kenneth Brown had 100% attendance for the month of Dec. Jean Eaglesham, Margaret Goddard and Billy Glover had 90%, Karen Kellicut had 80% for attendance.

On Sunday, Dec. 23rd at the Carol Service presentations were made to the senior pupils of the Sunday School. David Thompson having received certificates from G.B.R.E. in the past years for writing Junior and Senior Grades, and Junior Bible Class examinations was presented with a G.B.R.E. Diploma signed by our new Primate.

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Patricia Pegrum and David Thompson wrote the Junior Bible Class examination this year receiving 90% and 95% respectively. Donald Alan Thompson wrote the Senior Graded examination and received 90%. We are justly proud of these students and in appreciation presented them with suitable books from the Sunday School. The Sunday School Diploma is the second to be received by one of our Sunday School pupils in the last few years.

RODINO

The Rev. V. Cole

Christmas Communion Service was held in Rodino School Dec. 23rd. Following the Sermon, lunch was served and gifts were given to each child. A gift of money was presented to Rev. V. P. Cole and a presentation for loyalty was made to Mrs. Rosie Vandervaate. Mrs. Vandervaate has been in the W.A. since it was originally established some 15 years ago. During this long period of time, she has been present at all meetings but one. The congregation felt this a real faithfulness to the W.A. and church, for any one member in our "out-in-the-hills" parish, Rosie has contributed much time and numerous sewn articles, as well as her constant companionship, to keep together our members and maintain a well organized fellowship at all times.

The first Service of our New Year was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. Nash, and the W.A. meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. S. Davies.

Miss Christina Beckett is able to be home again after her serious illness during the holiday season.

The community mourns the passing of an old timer, Mr. R. Macfarlane, who has been ill for some time.

ST. JOHN'S, MILLET

The Rev. F. S. Smith

Archbishop W. F. Barfoot, Primate of Canada held a Confirmation Sunday, Dec. 16th. Three candidates were presented by the Rev. F. S. Smith: Lettie Howes, Milton Howes and Kathleen Gardiner.

The Archbishop also dedicated the Pews bought by the Guild, and the Archbishop's chair, presented by the late Mrs. C. Brinker of this parish.

After the service a social hour and lunch were enjoyed by the congregation.

SEGEWICK

The Rev. E. Fowler

Another Christmas has come and gone, leaving behind it an after-glow of happy memories and kindly feelings. The anticipated Services of Holy Eucharist and of Carols were well attended, the Sunday School children, in particular playing an important role in the singing.

The Sunday School held their Christmas Party on Dec. 28th in the Church Hall, where the climax of the excitement of games and frolic was reached with the arrival of Santa Claus. He had greet-

ings for parents and children alike, and then bestowed his gifts of candies, games and books to each wondering child. Carol singing was introduced by a children's choir entering the darkened room bearing lighted candles and singing as they formed a circle round the room. Tea for children and parents followed, and all agreed that the Party had been great fun and a great success which reflected much credit on Mr. Colvin Bearsto and his Teaching Staff.

KILLAM

The midnight celebration of Holy Communion on Dec. 24th was well attended, although icy road conditions prevented many from making the journey.

It was rather tragic that in the afternoon of the same day, we had a Church filled with sympathizers, who had come to pay their last respects to Mrs. Luff, a faithful member of our congregation, and an ardent worker of the W.A. She had laboured in her own quiet, unostentatious way, and while we extend our deepest sympathy to her friends and relatives, we all feel she will reap her due reward.

Burial—Mrs. Luff, Dec. 24th, 1951.

HARDISTY

A general meeting of the Parishioners, convened by the Ven. S. F. Tackaberry on behalf of the Archbishop, met on Thursday, Jan. 10th at 8:30 p.m. to dis-

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ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough

The Church was beautifully decorated for the Christmas Service conducted by Archdeacon C. F. A. Clough. The Annual meeting was held at the close of the Service Jan. 13th. The financial report was given by Mr. F. Pow who reported a fairly good year. W.A. reports were read by Miss A. Simpson and Mrs. E. O. Wilkinson and the Sunday School report by Mrs. N. Wilkinson. Archdeacon Clough thanked the different organizations for their co-operation during the year. Mr. Pow on behalf of the congregation thanked Archdeacon for his faithfulness to our parish. The following officers were appointed and elected.

Mr. R. Light, Rector's Warden; Mr. F. Pow, Warden. Vestry: Mr. N. R. Wilkinson, Miss A. Simpson, Mesdames Art Knoll, A. Light, E. O. Wilkinson, Delegates to the Synod: Mr. F. Pow, Mr. R. Light, Auditor: Mr. N. R. Wilkinson.

Miss Simpson thanked the wardens, for their help during the year.

Mr. Pow thanked those responsible for the purchase of the organ. The Sunday School donated \$25.00 to the Church Funds and the W.A. \$60.00 for this fund. The Sunday School held their annual Christmas Party, Dec. 28th when they entertained their mothers. Arch-

cuss arrangements for the receiving of an incumbent for the Parish in the Spring of 1952. Mr. H. W. Betts, a Warden and Lay Reader from Hughenden was present to represent his Church. The Rev. E. Fowler of Sedgewick, after opening the meeting with prayer, outlined the purposes of the meeting, the many advantages that would be enjoyed by the people and the need for a careful consideration that evening of the various necessary arrangements. The Archdeacon was then asked to give his views on the subject which he did lucidly, and with his usual quiet assurance, gained from experience and his knowledge of Diocesan Finance. After much discussion, in which Mr. H. W. Betts, on behalf of Hughenden, promised satisfactory help financially, a resolution was passed, welcoming the appointment of an incumbent promised by the Archbishop, and stating that financial and other arrangements would be made forthwith.

HUGHENDEN

The next day, Jan. 11th at 8:00 p.m. saw Archdeacon Tackaberry and the Rev. Fowler at a similar meeting in Hughenden, where there was a representative gathering of the parishioners. The same course of procedure as that at Hardisty ended in the unanimous adoption of a resolution, almost identical with that passed at Hardisty. An enjoyable lunch served at the Bank House by Mrs. Jobb provided the means of amicable discussion for the good of the Parish.

deacon Clough was present and gave the children a few thoughts for the New Year.

The Organ Fund has been opened and those in charge would appreciate your contributions. A number of subscriptions to the Edmonton Churchman for 1951 have not been paid and 1952 subscriptions are now due. Mr. F. Pow would appreciate your attention to this matter.

Marriage—Mr. Ian A. Stewart to Florence E. Wilkinson, Dec. 21st, 1951.

The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. E. A. Wilkinson with Archdeacon Clough and five members present. The Annual reports were read and Archdeacon Clough and Mrs. N. Wilkinson thanked those present for gifts received. A letter of thanks was read from Mrs. J. Grisdale, who has taken up residence in Edmonton. Officers elected were: Miss A. Simpson, President; Mrs. E. Knoll, Vice President; Mrs. E. O. Wilkinson, Secretary and Mrs. F. Pow, Treasurer. Archdeacon Clough thanked

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the officers for their help during the year and offered to select candlesticks and cruets for the W.A. The next meeting to be held Feb. 7th at the home of Mrs. R. Light.

ST. MARY'S, PONOKA

St. Mary's Evening W.A. held their Dec. meeting at the Nurses' Home of the Provincial Hospital upon the invitation of Miss Kemp and Miss Crysler. This was a supper meeting with the election of officers following. It was with regret that the group accepted the resignation of their president Mrs. C. Aspen. The following offices have been filled for 1952.

President, Mrs. S. Jensen; Vice-President, Miss Kemp; Treasurer, Miss Crysler; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Wilkins; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Sparks.

The Afternoon group held their Dec. meeting at Mrs. Bartleys with the following accepting office.

President, Mrs. W. Young; Vice-President, Mrs. Reese; Secretary, Mrs. Bartley; Treasurer, Mrs. Paterson.

It was in late Dec. that St. Mary's bade farewell to the Asp family, who were in our midst a short time left pleasant memories and associations—our Church and community. They were a church going family with Mrs. Asp as President of Evening W.A.

Mr. Asp a member of the vestry and a sideman in the Church and Brian and Lawrence in Sunday School. Their presence here will be greatly missed and St. Albans of Prince Albert will be more

richly blessed. Presentations from the vestry and W.A. were made before their departure.

The Sunday School program was held in the Legion Hall with a very good program put on by the teachers and pupils. The children enjoyed gathering around Santa and helping him distribute gifts.

Dec. 28th was a memorable day for Mr. Young's Junior Choir. On this date Mr. and Mrs. Young entertained the group at dinner. Places were set for 20 and guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Smith, Bonnie and Teddy; Mr. and Mrs. D. Howell, and choir members.

The table was gayly set with favors, candles, Christmas decorations. Mrs. Young served a sumptuous turkey dinner, complete with trimmings.

Following the dinner games were enjoyed with everyone winning a prize to take home as a souvenir of the happy evening.

Before reluctantly leaving for home the choir sang "For they are jolly good fellows" and all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The G.A. is a very active group with a membership of 12. Their project for Dec. was to make Christmas happier for shut-ins and the sick. With this in mind they made Christmas cards and sent to each, and on Dec. 23rd called on the shut-ins and at the Municipal Hospital to sing carols.

Dec. 22nd was Holly Day for the G.A. and the fine sum of \$19.00 was

realized from their efforts. A great deal of credit for the success of this undertaking goes to Mr. Jim Walker who donated the holly to the girls.

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The Rev. F. E. Smith

Sanctuary Guild—The Sanctuary Guild recently donated ten dollars to the Sunday School for the purchase of Hymn Books and material for an altar cloth.

The Annual Meeting of the Sanctuary Guild and election of officers held at the home of Mrs. Godfrey Baker, resulted in the following officers being elected for 1952: President, Mrs. E. Barnett; Vice-President, Mrs. Godfrey Baker; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. M. Higginson. The meeting was opened and closed by the rector, who expressed his appreciation of the work so faithfully carried on by the members of the Sanctuary Guild.

Afternoon Branch W.A.—The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers was held recently at the home of Mrs. French. The officers elected for 1952 are as follows: President, Mrs. S. Cole; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. E. Sweatman; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. W. Owen; Secretary, Mrs. P. Maggs; Treasurer, Mrs. W. Janzen; Prayer Partner, Mrs. E. Barnett; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. G. Baker; Living Message Secretary, Mrs. W. Gowers. The ladies are planning a Parish Supper in connection with the Annual Parish Meeting, which is to be held on Jan. 28th in the parish hall. A Valentine tea was also planned.

Evening Branch W.A.—The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers was held on Monday last at the rectory. Splendid reports of the years work were read and the selections of the Nominating Committee were elected to office in record time. Officers for 1952 are: President, Mrs. Percy Crosby; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. D. Lorrimer; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Kimmel; Secretary, Mrs. L. Tanne; Treasurer, Mrs. E. Oswald; Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. C. Bailey; Little Helpers Secretary, Mrs. F. Frederickson; Study Book, Mrs. R. Edwards; U.T.O. and Living Message, Mrs. E. Edwards.

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The Rev. C. F. W. Goddard

The Annual parishioner's meeting was held on Jan. 11th with the following officers appointed and elected:

Rector's Warden, Charles McDonald; People's Warden, N. F. Blades; Vestry, Frank Beeston, R. L. Burrows, W. F. Burrows, L. R. Dodd, P. A. East, W. F. Grafton, J. H. Hare, E. H. Nelson, B. V. Nixon, F. J. Stewart, H. A. Taylor, A. V. Youell; Delegates to Synod, W. F. Grafton, Charles McDonald; Auditor, P. A. East.

The meeting was a most encouraging one, with good reports from all the organizations. Mr. B. V. Nixon, the Envelope Secretary, showed that the pledges for 1952 were almost double what was

pledged for the previous year. Mr. W. F. Grafton, the vestry treasurer, in a comparative analysis of the parish finances for the past seven years, reported a steady increase in offerings and a growing tendency for the parishioners to give systematically through the envelopes. This year for the first time, all 60 packages of envelopes were asked for and more needed. From 1951 to 1952 the proportion of red side pledges had risen from 14 to 22, and a good many others who had not pledged on both sides in 1951 had actually given to both black and red. The reports of the organizations reminded us how much we owe to the W.A. ladies.

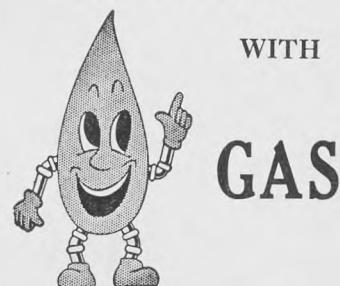
At the annual meeting of the Senior W.A. the following officers were elected: Mrs. P. A. East, President; Mrs. A. V. Youell, Vice-President; Mrs. R. W. Campbell, Secretary; Miss J. M. Roper, Treasurer and Living Message Secretary; Mrs. Chas. McDonald, Dorcas Secretary; Miss Mary Studholme, Little Helpers Secretary; Educational Secretary, Mrs. W. F. Grafton; Prayer Partner Secretary, Mrs. G. R. Fuller.

The group which has been meeting informally on Sunday evenings and now hopes to become a branch of the Chi Rho Fellowship, has elected the following executive: President, Bernard M. Clarke; Vice-President, Mrs. H. A. Taylor; Secretary-Treasurer, Neil Wilkinson; The conveners (for publicity), Mrs. B. M. Clarke; (for program), Miss Gladys Nixon, F. J. Stewart, H. A. Taylor; (for lunch), Miss Olive Kemp.

Work on the organ has been going on steadily and now only the tuning and the finishing of the case remain. We hope it may be ready for the visit of the Primate on Jan. 27.

Church School is being held each Monday afternoon at Ferintosh, with Mrs. Somshor and the Rector acting as teachers. The classes are held alternately at the homes of Mrs. Somshor and Mrs. Assheton-Smith. Their generosity, since we have no church building, makes the school financially possible.

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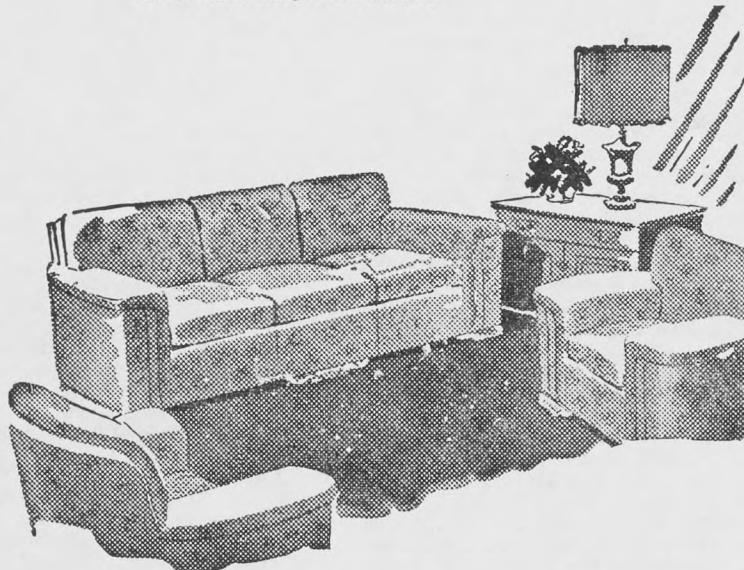


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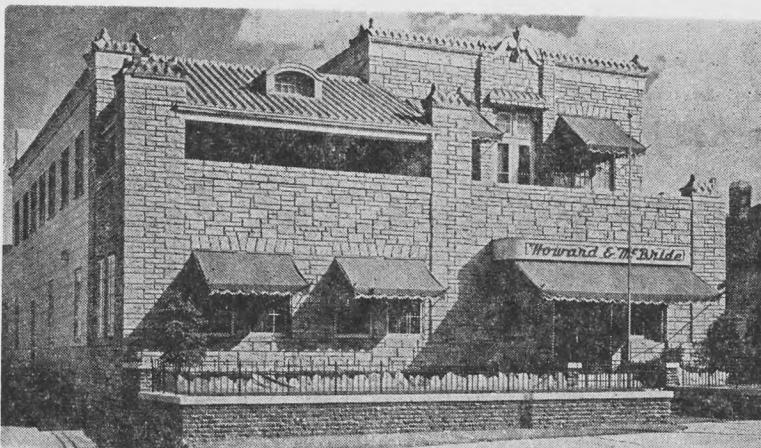
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